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ABC INVOLVED IN SAN LUIS OBISPO FATAL CAR CRASH INVESTIGATION

SAN LUIS OBISPO –California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators working with the San Luis Obispo Police have discovered new information connected to a December 28, 2004 tragic fatal car crash that killed a 19 year old San Luis Obispo man and critically injured a 20 year old man.

Investigators from the ABC Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies (TRACE) Program have located key evidence that may help determine the cause of the car crash the night of Tuesday, December 28, 2004, that killed 19 year old Justin Trett.

“We believe alcohol may have been a contributing factor to this accident,” said TRACE Program Coordinator Judy Matty. “In a joint effort, our investigators responded to San Luis Obispo to assist in the investigation. Working together, investigators uncovered information that helped piece together events that led up to the crash. This information is crucial to any criminal and administrative proceedings that may follow.”

The ABC can't release more information at this time because the investigation is ongoing; however, it appears an adult may have been involved in a sales transaction at a local store.

TRACE is a program designed to determine the sources of alcohol to individuals under the age of 21 who are involved in traffic crashes that result in serious injury or death. These investigations target liquor stores, restaurants, bars and adult furnishers who are responsible for selling or furnishing the alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of 21.

The ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Sunne Wright McPeak, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.