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ABC Suspends License of One Stop Market in Oakland

Store Sold Alcohol to Minors Three Times in a 17 Month Period

Oakland - On February 19, 2008, the California Alcoholic Beverage Control suspended the alcoholic beverage license of One Stop Market, 6001 Macarthur Blvd. in Oakland for an indefinite period of time. The enforcement action is a result of an Oakland Police Department investigation that substantiated evidence of three separate sales of alcoholic beverages to minors within a 17 month period from July 3, 2006, through November 16, 2007.

All three sales occurred during Minor Decoy Operations conducted by the Oakland Police Department. "A contributing factor in the youth associated violence experienced in the City of Oakland today is fueled by the illegal consumption of alcohol by minors. The Oakland Police Department will continue to aggressively pursue those businesses that put Oakland's juveniles at risk," said Oakland Police Chief Wayne G. Tucker.

The owner of the store can continue to sell groceries and other items but will not be allowed to sell alcohol until the license is transferred to another person or business. ABC must approve any new application for a license for any individual who might apply for a license and wants to sell alcohol at the current location.

"This action is part of an ongoing partnership with Oakland Police to reduce crime and help keep young persons safe," said ABC Oakland District Administrator Justin Gebb. "ABC is pressing forward with a statewide effort to increase compliance with the law through strong enforcement. ABC wants to send a very clear message that selling or furnishing alcohol to minors will not be tolerated."

ABC is a Department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency which is under the direction of Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.