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License Revoked at San Mateo Bar

ABC Undercover Officers Discover Drug Sales by Employee

San Mateo - Investigators of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) have posted a Notice of Revocation at T2, an ABC licensed business located at 273 South Railroad Avenue in San Mateo, California.

The action was taken after a joint investigation by ABC Investigators and officers of the San Mateo Police Department's Narcotics Unit back in early 2007. The investigation lasted for several months. During the investigation, undercover ABC officers were able to purchase illegal drugs from an employee inside the bar. Selling illegal drugs is a violation of the California Health and Safety Code.

Today the alcoholic beverage license was revoked. The revocation means no alcoholic beverages will be sold at this location for at least one year.

Any person or group of individuals who applies for a new license will be subject to a background investigation by ABC, and the application will also be reviewed by local law enforcement, the City Council and city planners.

The investigation was initiated after ABC received complaints about the location in the community. 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.

San Mateo Police Chief Susan Manheimer said, "The San Mateo Police Department enjoys a strong collaborative working relationship with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Together, we are responsible for the safety, security and the welfare of the San Mateo community, ensuring that all businesses that sell alcoholic beverages do so in compliance with the stringent ABC regulations. The San Mateo Police Department works closely within the business community and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to train and provide clear guidelines to protect the businesses, their customers, and the surrounding community."