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**ABC Investigators, Inglewood Police work together with The Forum to make Foo  
Fighters Concerts Safer**

*ABC, Inglewood Police cite 21 people for various violations*

**Inglewood** – California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators and Inglewood Police cited 21 persons for possession of marijuana, minors in possession of alcohol or drinking in public March 5 & 6, 2008 during the Foo Fighters concerts held at The Forum in Inglewood.

ABC, Inglewood Police and the Forum teamed up to reduce underage drinking and the number of people drinking in public in order to increase safety at the event and after it concluded. Police and the management at the Forum wish to remind the public that it is illegal to drink alcoholic beverages in the parking lot.

As a result of the two day event, five individuals were cited for marijuana possession, three individuals were cited for minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage and 13 individuals were cited for drinking in public. "The Inglewood Police Department is committed to providing the community and Forum patrons with a safe and family-like environment. As such, we are hopeful that our latest enforcement effort will act as a deterrent at future events," said Sgt. Robert B. Pessis, Inglewood Police Department Vice Section

ABC has been conducting enforcement operations state-wide in order to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors and help build stronger and safer communities. This operation is part of a continuing partnership involving the ABC and local law enforcement. "Alcohol is still the number one drug of choice among high school aged youth and we have to do everything we can to prevent tragedies that often accompany underage drinking," said ABC Assistant Director Joseph Cruz.

Last year over 200 young persons under the age of 21 died in alcohol-related crashes in California. ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency which is under the direction of Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.