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ABC Involved in Task Force Operations in San Jose and San Joaquin Valley as Officers Crack Down On Illegal Activity

San Jose – San Joaquin County – California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators joined local law enforcement officers in two separate task force operations prior to the St. Patrick's Day Weekend that resulted in citations against ABC licensed businesses. Operations were held in San Jose and in communities located in the San Joaquin Valley.

ABC investigators visited three licensed premises in San Jose, locations known as Vault Ultra Lounge, 81 West Santa Clara Street, Taste Ultra Lounge, 170 W St. John Street, and Johnny V's, 31 East Santa Clara Street. ABC investigators discovered that Vault Ultra Lounge had contaminated alcoholic beverage bottles and Johnny V's had contaminated bottles, bottles that had been re-filled, and alcoholic beverages that had been purchased from another retail establishment, all violations of the California Business and Professions Code. ABC worked closely with personnel from the California Employment Development Department (EDD) and San Jose Police as part of the Underground Economy Task Force. The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) will be levying \$170,500 fines against two businesses for labor code violations. ABC will also seek disciplinary action for the alcoholic beverage law violations which could result in stiff penalties against both businesses.

In a completely separate operation in San Joaquin County, ABC assigned three Investigators to the Economic & Employment Enforcement Coalition (EEEC) Task force on Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14. Investigators visited approximately 35 locations and observed violations at three locations. The violations included; allowing a minor to consume alcohol, a violation of B&P 25658(d), unlawful possession of distilled spirits, a violation of B&P 25607 and a charge of purchasing alcohol from someone who wasn't licensed to distribute alcohol to them, a violation of B&P 23402.

The citations were issued during the joint task force operations. ABC has been conducting enforcement operations with local law enforcement and allied state agencies in order to reduce alcohol-related concerns in communities throughout the State.

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.