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**St. Patrick's Day Enforcement Nets Over 30 Arrests in Berkeley***ABC, Berkeley Police Address Alcohol-Related Concerns*

**Berkeley** - On Monday, March 17, ABC and BPD officers teamed up to enforce alcoholic beverage laws throughout Berkeley on St. Patrick's Day. 15 ABC investigators and 5 Berkeley Police Department officers joined forces to conduct a shoulder tap operation, and then check for fake identifications at several restaurants and bars. At the conclusion of the operation, officers arrested over 30 individuals for a variety of violations.

Over a four hour period, officers conducted a Decoy Shoulder Tap operation. A total of 52 persons were approached by a minor decoy working with the officers, 13 of those agreed to purchase alcohol for the minor and they were cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor. They face a \$1,000 fine and possibly 24/32 hours of community service. The 25% non-compliance rate is considered high.

Later in the evening, teams of officers conducted bar checks at several locations. Nine underage individuals were cited for using fake identification to gain entry to locations where they are not allowed. An ABC investigator also documented an administrative violation for serving alcohol to an obviously intoxicated individual at the Bear's Lair. The obviously intoxicated person was arrested, and the case will be sent through ABC's disciplinary process for possible sanctions against the business.

ABC and Berkeley Officers made arrests for other violations as well. The operation yielded arrests for the following violations:

- \* 17 for furnishing alcohol to a minor
- \* 9 for possession of fake identification
- \* 6 for open containers
- \* 1 for selling alcohol to an obviously intoxicated patron
- \* 4 in-custody arrests, one for possession of hashish, one for a warrant, and two for public intoxication
- \* 4 criminal misdemeanor citations were issued, one for petty theft, two for possession of paraphernalia, and one for violation of a court order

Funding for this program was provided by ABC's Grant Assistance Program. The program helps pay for officer overtime to address alcohol-related concerns 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.