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ABC Makes Four Arrests for Sales of Illegal Drugs

Lakewood – ABC investigators have arrested four individuals after discovering illegal drug activity at The Hideaway, a restaurant/bar located at 5523 South Street in the city of Lakewood. Investigators are looking for an additional five suspects.

ABC investigators went undercover multiple times over a four month period and were able to purchase Marijuana, Vicodin, Xanax, and Heroin. Those purchases were made from a total of seven different individuals. Each purchase was made with knowledge and in some instances directly aiding and abetting from various bartenders and/or employees of the bar. As a result, ABC investigators have arrested four persons and are seeking five additional suspects.

The most recent undercover operation occurred on December 13, 2011. ABC investigators visited the bar and purchased marijuana from a patron. As a result, a felony arrest for sales of marijuana was made. Arrest warrants were also served on three other suspects. A search warrant on a local residence was also served which resulted in a seizure of approximately one pound of marijuana, several different types of prescription pills, and paraphernalia directly related to the sales of drugs.

In addition to the criminal charges against the suspects involved, the Department expects to file an accusation against the licensee. Administrative penalties for illegal drug charges include significant suspension time, and can result in the actual revocation of the ABC license.

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