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ABC and Local Law Enforcement Issue 37 Citations

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Sacramento – The California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and local law enforcement agencies issued 37 citations in multiple underage drinking enforcement operations on or near California college campuses between March and May, 2013.

ABC and local police utilized funds from a \$356,400 grant awarded to ABC by the United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP). The focus of the grant program was to combat alcohol-related problems on or near college campuses throughout California. The grant was awarded through the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) program, which supports activities in law enforcement, public education programs, and innovative methods for reaching youth.

The grant authorized enforcement of underage drinking laws during college events such as pledge week, graduation, sporting events, fraternity/sorority parties, and any other college related functions.

During these operations, numerous citations were issued for various underage drinking violations including open containers, minors in possession of alcohol, the sale of alcohol to a minor and false identification. Officers also arrested individuals for furnishing alcohol to minors.

The grant program covered a two-year period. The program was designed to increase safety and reduce the availability of alcohol to minors on or near college campuses.

The grant has supported a wide range of activities including compliance checks of retail alcohol outlets to reduce sales to minors, crackdowns on false identification, programs to reduce older youth or adults from providing alcohol to minors, "party patrols" to prevent access to alcohol at large youth gatherings, and "cops in shops" to deter minors' attempts to purchase alcohol.