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PR 14-38**ABC Revokes Licenses of Two Southern California Bars***Notices of Revocation Posted at El Cielo Bar in Canoga Park and The Turnaround Sports Bar in Arleta*

(Canoga Park) – On August 7, 2014 California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents posted a Notice of Revocation at The Turnaround Sports Bar located at 9060 Woodman Avenue in Arleta. The revocation comes just two days after agents posted a Notice of Revocation at El Cielo Bar located at 20913 Vanowen Street in Canoga Park.

The two revocation orders resulted from joint investigations by ABC and the Los Angeles Police Department. The Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Detective Support and Vice Division coordinated the investigative efforts.

Undercover Los Angeles Police Officers visited the locations numerous times during the investigations and discovered violations that involved an illegal drink solicitation and commission scheme. The illegal drink solicitation scheme involved female bar servers who placed a surcharge on alcoholic beverages in exchange for keeping male patrons company. Such practices can contribute to the over-service of alcohol as well as other violations of law. As a result, ABC filed accusations against the licensees.

Funding for the investigations was made possible by a grant from ABC's Grant Assistance Program (GAP). ABC Van Nuys Supervising Agent in Charge Brad Beach recognized the Los Angeles Police Department officers for their outstanding efforts in the San Fernando Valley. "These were very thorough investigations by the vice division," said Beach. "LAPD has been working in partnership with ABC for many years. These joint enforcement efforts are helping in the effort to make communities safer."

ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.