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PR 14-50**ABC Arrests Four Individuals at El Halcon De Oro in San Fernando**
Crack Down on Multiple Illegal Solicitations of Alcoholic Beverages

(San Fernando) – On Thursday, October 23, 2014, California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents and officers from the San Fernando Police Department arrested four individuals for misdemeanor violations involving illegal alcohol sales. The San Fernando Police Department officers booked an additional person for a warrant. The arrests took place at El Halcon De Oro, a bar located at 911 San Fernando Road in San Fernando. The establishment holds an On-Sale General Public Premises License, a location that requires that patrons be 21 years of age or older.

The arrests were the result of a one month investigation in which ABC undercover agents were solicited to purchase alcoholic beverages for female waitresses inside the establishment. The operation involved an illegal drinks solicitation and commission scheme that occurred inside the premises. The investigation also revealed that employees added a surcharge to alcoholic beverages in exchange for keeping male patrons company. Such activity violates various sections of the California Business and Professions Code and can contribute to the over-service of alcohol and possibly other violations of law.

In addition to the criminal charges, ABC may pursue administrative disciplinary action against the location. Penalties can range from fines and suspensions to the possible revocation of the ABC license.

The San Fernando Police Department recently received a grant from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to reduce alcohol-related crime and attempt to increase compliance with alcoholic beverage laws.

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