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ABC Revokes License of El Potrero Bar in Riverside

Illegal Drug Sales and the Illegal Solicitation of Alcoholic Beverages Leads to Bar Closure

Riverside - Agents of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today posted a Notice of Revocation at the El Potrero Bar located at 2140 3rd St., Riverside, California. Effective immediately the business is prohibited from serving or selling alcohol.

The license revocation is the result of a long term investigation by Agents with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in conjunction with the Riverside Police Department.

The investigation substantiated that an employee of the business was found to be illegally selling narcotics to patrons. ABC Agents also established that female employees were allowed to solicit the sale of alcoholic beverages from bar patrons, including undercover agents. The employees would add a surcharge to their alcoholic beverages for keeping male patrons company and receive a cash payment for these services. Such practices can contribute to the over-service of alcohol and possibly other violations of law.

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