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One Person is Arrested for a Weapons Violation and Three are Cited for Lewd Conduct and the Illegal Solicitation of Alcoholic Beverages at a San Diego Bar

San Diego - On Friday, October 30, 2015, Agents from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) coordinated an enforcement operation at Pete's Cocktails, located at 3600 Main Street in San Diego.

Agents cited three suspects for misdemeanor solicitation of alcoholic beverages, employment of persons for solicitation of alcoholic beverages, and lewd conduct by employees. There was also a felony arrest made for the illegal possession of a baton by a security guard.

The arrest and citations were the result of a three-month investigation in which ABC undercover agents were solicited to purchase alcoholic beverages for female waitresses inside the establishment. The operation involved an illegal drink 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.

For additional information, contact Supervising Agent Jennifer Ward at the San Diego District Office at 619/525-4064.

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