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## **ABC Suspends “Zen Lounge” License in Mountain View**

*Agents discover a Minor was allowed to enter and remain in the Bar prior to Fatal Crash*

**(Mountain View, California)** - On March 27, 2014, Agents of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) posted a notice of suspension at Zen Lounge, located at 251 Castro Street in Mountain View. The bar, a type 48 licensed premises will not be allowed to sell alcohol for the next 15 days. The penalty resulted from an ABC TRACE investigation.

On February 22, 2013, a 20 year-old minor was involved in a fatal crash in Redwood City. ABC immediately opened a TRACE backtrack investigation. TRACE stands for Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies.

The investigation was conducted by the ABC San Jose District Office. ABC was able to determine that the minor had been allowed to enter and remain in the type 48 premises and allowed to consume multiple alcoholic beverages during the hours prior to the fatal crash.

Under the terms set forth by the Department, the license has been suspended for 15 days which means no alcohol can be sold or served during that period.

ABC has conducted hundreds of TRACE investigations since the program’s inception. The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents including car crashes, but also alcohol overdoses, poisonings and assaults that result from alcohol consumption by minors. The TRACE program is made possible by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration.

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