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## **ABC Identifies Source of Alcohol in a Fatal Traffic Crash Involving a Minor**

**(Bella Vista, Shasta County)** – An Odessa, Texas resident is facing a criminal charge of furnishing alcohol to minors following an alcohol-related vehicle crash in which a 17-year-old Redding resident was killed.

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) opened a TRACE investigation last year after it was contacted by the California Highway Patrol (CHP) about an alcohol-related fatal crash involving a minor. TRACE stands for Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies.

In the early morning hours of June 28, 2015, the CHP responded to a single-vehicle rollover traffic collision on SR 299 E, 0.3 miles east of Kern Road, in Shasta County. The sole occupant in the vehicle, Kodi Hunt (age 17), was declared dead at the scene. Hunt was reportedly under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash.

ABC Agents from the Redding District Office were able to identify the source of the alcohol which Hunt had consumed prior to the crash. Agents determined that Reece Kinnie (age 19) was responsible for providing alcohol to multiple underage persons, including Hunt, at a house party.

ABC has worked closely with the CHP and the Shasta County District Attorney's Office throughout the investigation. A report was filed with the Shasta County District Attorney's Office and a warrant was issued for Kinnie's arrest for his role in the incident. Kinnie faces the possibility of up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine or both.

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 (NHTSA). The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents involving minors that include car crashes, alcohol overdoses, poisonings, and assaults that occur after alcohol is consumed by minors.

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