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ABC Arrests Two Individuals for Illegal Drug Sales and Possession for Sales in Bell Gardens
Arrest Warrant has been issued for a third individual

Bell Gardens – ABC Agents have arrested two employees at a Bell Gardens restaurant for illegal drug sales and possession for sales, and have issued a warrant for the arrest of a third person who is still being sought. Agents made the arrests yesterday at Perry Burger, a restaurant located at 6402 Florence Avenue in Bell Gardens that is licensed by the ABC to sell beer and wine.

Agents have been investigating activity at Perry Burger after receiving complaints from the community. ABC worked closely with the Bell Gardens Police Department during the investigation that included undercover purchases of illegal drugs. Yesterday, ABC Agents arrested 39 year-old Juan Jose Torres Rodriquez and 55 year-old Bonaficio Palomares Vega at the restaurant and seized 29 bindles of methamphetamine (30 grams) and \$183 in cash. Both suspects are from Bell Gardens and were arrested for both drug possession and possession for sales. Agents also served a search warrant at the residence of one of the suspects and seized an additional two pounds of methamphetamines and \$13,000 in cash. In addition to the two suspects taken into custody, law enforcement is searching for a third individual after issuing an arrest warrant for him. Besides the criminal charges, ABC may pursue administrative disciplinary action against the location. Penalties can range from fines and suspensions to a revocation of the license.

ABC protects communities through excellence in education and by administering prevention and enforcement programs designed to increase compliance with California's alcoholic beverage laws.

ABC's mission is to provide the highest level of service and public safety through licensing, education and enforcement. To learn more about ABC programs that help protect communities, prevent alcohol-related harm and potentially save lives visit https://www.abc.ca.gov/programs/programs_PE.html. ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

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