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**ABC INVESTIGATORS RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD**

*Investigators Gonzalez and Robles named "Officers of the Year" by National Association*

**(Tyson's Corner, Virginia)** - California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Investigators Frank Robles and Armando Gonzalez have been named 2005 "Officers of the Year" by the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA). It is the first time this award has been presented to more than one officer.

Robles and Gonzalez were recognized on September 8, 2005 by NLLEA at the association's national conference in Tyson's Corner, Virginia. Assistant Director Joseph Cruz and Deputy Division Chief (Northern Division) David Gill attended the ceremonies along with Robles and Gonzalez.

The two investigators were honored for putting their lives on the line in very dangerous undercover work in Los Angeles. Gonzalez and Robles conducted undercover operations in three licensed premises where they purchased narcotics from gang members, patrons and employees. These locations were heavily infiltrated by known violent gang members. As a result of their hard work, two licenses were revoked and a third has been suspended with a stayed revocation.

The two investigators have received high praise from the Los Angeles Police Department and ABC Director Jerry Jolly for their work in the Hollenbeck Community of Los Angeles.

"Robles and Gonzalez are most deserving of this honor, their work has improved the Hollenbeck Community and made it a safer place to live and work," said ABC Director Jerry Jolly.

In addition to their work at the three licensed premises, Investigators Gonzalez and Robles are part of a team effort that has helped reduce aggravated assaults in the Hollenbeck area by 36%. Working together the Los Angeles Police Department and ABC have taken action against 14 licensed premises including 105 undercover investigations resulting in 131 arrests during the one year period from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.

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