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## **ABC and Los Angeles Police Arrest Five Individuals on Illegal Drug Charges**

**Hollywood**— ABC Investigators along with the Los Angeles Police Department arrested five people on charges of selling cocaine in the Hollywood area on November 14, 2006.

ABC worked closely with the Los Angeles Police Department after receiving numerous complaints from concerned citizens about illegal drug activity at the Grasshopper Bar, located at 5501 Fountain Avenue in the City of Los Angeles. ABC investigators went undercover to develop information that led to the arrests.

As a result of the five month-long undercover investigation, five arrests were made for felony sales of cocaine. One of those arrested was a bartender at the premises. Additionally, several search warrants were executed at various locations that resulted in the seizure of additional cocaine and a firearm.

In addition to the criminal charges against the suspects involved, the Department expects to file accusations against the licensee of the bar. Administrative penalties for selling narcotics can result in significant suspension time and may include the actual revocation of the ABC license.

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