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ABC REVOKES LIQUOR LICENSE IN FRESNO

Fresno – The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control today posted a Notice of Revocation of the alcoholic beverage license for Tim Taylor at the premises known as Tarpey Tavern at 4077 North Clovis Ave, Fresno. This action is the result of an accusation the Department filed against Taylor’s license for his guilty plea, on May 11, 2004, to charges relating to fraud and tax evasion, both moral turpitude crimes. Those charges resulted from a long and thorough investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Fresno office.

Specifically, Taylor pled guilty to willfully and unlawfully devising a scheme to steal, defraud, and obtain money from individuals by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representation and promises. This was accomplished through the sales of auction programs in which the licensee promised future auction information and high monetary returns to auction participants. However, Taylor paid no monetary returns and provided no promised auction information, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. 2314 and 2. In addition, Taylor willfully and unlawfully used fraudulent names and social security numbers to conceal income generated through the above fraudulent auction investment programs to evade taxes in violation of Title 26 U.S.C. 7201.

“This is part of ABC’s ongoing commitment to strengthen communities throughout California,” said ABC Director Jerry Jolly.

Fresno District Administrator Christine Weldon stated “the vast majority of business owners take pride in their ability to bring benefit to their community, and as a result, enjoy the public’s trust and respect. However, when business owners deliberately violate this public trust, they should not be permitted to enjoy privileges in this State such as the ability to sell alcoholic beverages.”

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, a member of the Governor’s Cabinet. For more information contact Christine Weldon in the ABC Fresno District Office at (559) 225-6334.