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## **ABC Suspends License at El Rodeo Bar and Restaurant Indefinitely** *Bay Point Location Cited for Numerous Violations*

**Pittsburg - Bay Point** – ABC Investigators along with Contra Costa County Sheriff's Deputies today posted a Suspension Notice at the El Rodeo Bar and Restaurant located at 3315 Willow Pass Road in Bay Point.

The action follows a lengthy investigation involving the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department.

Last summer, law enforcement arrested one employee and five patrons at the El Rodeo on July 7, 2006 for sales and possession of drugs. During the investigation, undercover investigators were able to make purchases of illegal drugs from the bar employees and patrons on several different occasions.

ABC along with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department initiated the investigation due to heightened concern in the community. ABC investigators went undercover multiple times to develop information that resulted in today's disciplinary action.

The Suspension Notice at El Rodeo means no alcohol can be sold or served at the location indefinitely. It will be in effect for a period of 180 days to permit the transfer of the license to a person or persons (non-blood relative or relatives related by marriage) and premises outside the city limits (Bay Point) acceptable to the Department and a 30 day suspension. In addition, the license shall be suspended indefinitely until the license is transferred. The Department will scrutinize any applicant to verify personal qualification and the ability of that person to conduct business in full compliance with the ABC Act.

ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.