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License Suspended at Hillsider Saloon in Placerville

Placerville - Investigators of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today, September 20, 2007 posted a Notice of Suspension at the Hillsider Saloon, 372 Main Street in Placerville, California.

The action was taken after an investigation by ABC Investigators and Placerville Police. ABC Investigators were able to substantiate that obviously intoxicated patrons were allowed to remain in the premises and that there were dozens of calls for police services resulting from complaints about fights and noise at the licensed location. In addition, an employee sold a small amount of marijuana to an undercover investigator, and an employee purchased property from undercover investigators that he believed was stolen.

“Our police officers worked very closely with ABC during this investigation. Today’s action sends a strong message that this type of activity will not be tolerated in Placerville” said Placerville Police Chief George Nielsen. “Our department is dedicated to a partnership between community and the police in a collective effort to improve the quality of life and to promote a safer community”.

Any person or group of individuals who applies for a new license will be subject to a background investigation by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and their application will also be reviewed by local law enforcement and city planners.

Placerville Police initiated the investigation after receiving complaints about the location in the community. 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.