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ABC Arrests Riverside County Man for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor *Arrest is the result of ABC TRACE Investigation following Fatal Crash*

Riverside – A 22 year old Riverside man was arrested Thursday, August 28, 2008 for furnishing alcohol to a teenager who died in an alcohol-related crash on February 22, 2008. The teenager died in a crash after leaving the friends place of residence in Riverside.

Officers from the state California Alcoholic Beverage Control arrested 22 year old Daniel Ebert of Riverside, a friend of the deceased, for two violations of Section 25658 of the Business and Professions Code. Ebert is accused of furnishing alcoholic beverages to 19 year old Robert Perkioniemi Jr. and 19 year old Michael Ayala.

ABC Investigators opened a Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies (TRACE) investigation on February 22, 2008 following the crash. The investigation revealed that Daniel Ebert allegedly purchased a 12 pack of Modelo Especial and a 6 pack of Quilmer beer using Robert Perkioniemi Jr.'s ATM card at Food 4 Less located at 3900 Chicago Avenue in Riverside. He then reportedly furnished multiple beers to Perkioniemi and Ayala at his place of residence. Perkioniemi later left Ebert's home and was involved in a head-on-collision with 22 year old Ana Marie Manzo of Riverside on SR-91 while driving the wrong way. Perkioniemi, Manzo and her unborn child were pronounced dead at the scene. A Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) analysis by the coroner indicated that Perkioniemi had a BAC level of 0.25%.

ABC Investigator Eric Burlingame of the Riverside District was assigned to investigate the case in cooperation with the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Through a series of interviews and analysis of evidence, Investigator Burlingame was able to submit a report to the Riverside District Attorney that resulted in the issuance of an arrest warrant for Daniel Ebert. Ebert faces a misdemeanor charge of providing alcohol to person(s) under age 21. He could face six months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000 or both.

Gerald Ackley, ABC Supervising Investigator of the TRACE Program thanked the CHP for their efforts. ABC worked closely with CHP throughout the course of the TRACE investigation.

The TRACE (Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies) program is made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents including car crashes, but also alcohol overdoses, poisonings, and assaults that result from alcohol consumption by minors.

Since its creation, the TRACE Program has conducted 343 investigations involving over 250 fatalities and nearly 400 injuries. 68 arrests have been made and 25 accusations have been field against ABC licensed premises.