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ABC Suspends License of Bar Indefinitely for Illegal Activity *El Monte Police Help with Investigation*

El Monte - ABC Investigators have suspended the license of the Cancun Bar, located at 11734 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, indefinitely, until the license is transferred to someone else at another location. The action was taken because the bar owner allowed illegal solicitation of drinks for bar employees. ABC, with the help of El Monte Police conducted an undercover investigation that lasted over eight weeks.

During the investigation, undercover ABC Investigators were able to determine that female employees were allowed to solicit the sale of alcoholic beverages to them, from bar patrons, including the undercover investigators. The employees would add a surcharge to their alcoholic beverages for keeping male patrons company. The bar would receive the cash for the alcohol and pay out a commission to the female employee. Alcoholic beverage solicitation is a violation of section 303a of the California Penal Code, and the profit sharing plan is a violation of Business and Professions Code Section 24200.5(b).

Today's action means the Cancun Bar will not be allowed to sell alcohol and alcohol sales will not be permitted at the location for a period of at least one year. In addition, the license of the Cancun Bar must be transferred to another individuals or group of individuals and they must operate at another location. Any individual or group of individuals who will consider purchasing the license that now belongs to the Cancun Bar owners, must be acceptable to the department.

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.