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ABC takes action against City Lights in Fresno

Alcohol Sales Halted after ABC Uncovers Multiple Lewd Conduct Violations

(Fresno)- On December 24, 2008, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control suspended the alcoholic beverage license of City Lights, a bar owned by Fresno Enterprises Inc., for 10 days for permitting various acts of lewd conduct. The location could be suspended for another 30 days if additional ABC violations take place during the next year.

This action follows an ABC investigation that revealed illegal lewd activity taking place at the bar located at 2370 North Clovis Avenue in Fresno. In April 2008, undercover ABC officers conducted an investigation that resulted in a 26-count accusation against the license for permitting illegal adult entertainment activities to take place on the premises by and between the adult entertainers and the patrons. Such activities violated Rules 143.3 (1)(a), (b), and (c), 143.2 (2) and (3), and 143.3(1)(b), of Division 1, Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations. In addition, a person under the age of 21 was permitted to unlawfully enter and remain in the licensed premises and consume beer in violation of Section 25665 of the California Business and Professions Code.

“We expect our licensees to ensure that all activities taking place at their businesses comply with the law, and we will take action and hold them accountable when they fail to do this,” said ABC Fresno District Administrator Christine Weldon. “We are hopeful that today’s action, along with efforts taken by the licensee, will ensure that these prohibited activities do not occur in the future.”

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.