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**License of Restaurant & Bar Suspended for Selling Alcohol to a Minor Who Later  
Died in Alcohol-Related Incident**  
*ABC TRACE Investigation began after Fatality*

**Fontana (Riverside County)** – ABC Investigators from the Riverside District Office and the Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies (TRACE) Unit have posted a notice of suspension at Pancho Villa's Restaurant, 10210 Juniper Avenue, Fontana.

The license was suspended for 15 days following an incident that occurred back on November 2, 2007.

At about 10:30 p.m. that evening, 19 year old Jorge Padilla and his former brother in law entered Pancho Villa's and drank beer and distilled spirits. At approximately midnight, Padilla got into an argument and left the premises. His ex-brother-in-law and two women he was drinking with could not find Padilla and they left the area.

Pancho Villa's Restaurant is only a short distance from the Sierra Avenue Bridge over Interstate 10. According to police reports, Padilla tried to cross the freeway on foot. He was struck by several motor vehicles and died at the scene. A San Bernardino County Coroner's report revealed that Padilla's BAC was .22.

ABC has taken administrative action against the restaurant because alcohol was sold to a minor who later died in an alcohol-related incident. The incident prompted ABC investigators to launch a TRACE investigation.

Funding for the ABC TRACE program is made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

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.

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