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## **California ABC Posts 20 Day Suspension Notice at Camino Real Restaurante** *Bakersfield Location will not be able to sell Alcohol during Suspension*

**Bakersfield** - December 15, 2011, the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) posted a 20 day Notice of Suspension at the Camino Real Restaurante located at 3500 Truxtun Avenue in Bakersfield. The alcoholic beverage license has been suspended because the restaurant served alcohol to a minor who died in an alcohol related crash shortly after leaving the business. The suspension means alcohol will not be served at this location for 20 days.

ABC investigators opened a TRACE, or Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies investigation immediately following the May 8, 2010 crash that killed 20 year old Leonel Del Toro. The investigation determined that Del Toro consumed multiple alcoholic beverages at Camino Real Restaurante just prior to the crash that took his life.

ABC utilized resources from TRACE, a rapid response program for crashes involving minors and alcohol. In 2003, the TRACE program established a state-wide protocol with local and state law enforcement agencies to contact ABC when they respond to major injury or fatal crashes involving minors and alcohol.

ABC investigators respond immediately to gather evidence and information to help trace how the minors obtained the alcohol, either directly from ABC licensed businesses, or from friends or family. The TRACE protocol has already produced several successful backtrack investigations throughout California in which individuals and licensed businesses have been identified as selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors involved in DUI crashes.

ABC was awarded a grant to fund the TRACE program by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

ABC is a Department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.