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**ABC and Local Law Enforcement Issue 292 Citations over Three Month Period**

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**Sacramento** – The California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and local law enforcement agencies issued 292 citations in over 40 separate underage drinking enforcement operations on or near California college campuses in October, November, and December, 2011.

ABC and local police utilized funds from a \$356,400 grant awarded to ABC by the United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP). The focus of the grant program is to combat alcohol-related problems on or near college campuses throughout California. The award was made through the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) program, which supports activities in law enforcement, public education programs, and innovative methods for reaching youth.

This grant authorizes enforcement of underage drinking laws during college events such as pledge week, graduation, sporting events, fraternity/sorority parties, and any other college related functions.

During these operations, numerous citations were issued for various underage drinking violations including open containers, minors in possession, drunk in public, sales to a minor, false identification. Officers also arrested individuals for illegal drug possession and furnishing alcohol to minors.

The grant program covers a two-year period. The goal is to increase safety and reduce the availability of alcohol to minors on or near college campuses.

The grant supports a wide range of activities including compliance checks of retail alcohol outlets to reduce sales to minors, crackdowns on false identification, programs to reduce older youth or adults from providing alcohol to minors, "party patrols" to prevent access to alcohol at large youth gatherings, and "cops in shops" to deter minors' attempts to purchase alcohol.

The EUDL grant program activities will run through, May, 2012. ABC is a Department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.