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Sacramento, CA 95834**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Contact: John Carr
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PR 13-1**ABC Issues 78 Citations through Federal Grant Program**
Program Pays for Officer Overtime to Stakeout Stores and Check on Complaints

(Statewide) – Agents with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) issued 78 citations for various alcohol and drug-related violations in several California communities during a three month period covering October - December, 2012. ABC conducted 23 separate operations in cooperation with local law enforcement.

Officers responded to complaints from high school resource officers, administrators and other education leaders who want to help keep schools and neighborhoods located near California high schools as safe as possible for youth.

As a result of enforcement following up on the complaints, ABC cited 49 minors for violations including minors in possession of alcohol, minors in possession of marijuana, open containers of alcohol and fake identifications. ABC also cited nearly 30 adults. 18 were cited for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors, others were cited for possession of marijuana, open containers and public drunkenness.

The program is paid for through a \$300,000 grant awarded to ABC through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The grant will last through May, 2013, and allows ABC agents to stake out stores, parks, and community events where alcohol could potentially get into the hands of minors.

ABC agents will respond to complaints forwarded to them from educational officials or community resource officers assigned to high schools. The agents conduct enforcement operations and cite individuals who break alcohol-related laws such as selling alcohol to minors, furnishing alcohol to minors, minors in possession of alcohol and other offenses that are observed during the operations.

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