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Sacramento, CA 95834**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Contact: John Carr
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PR 13-19**ABC Issues Over 200 Citations through Federal Grant Program**
Program Paid for Officer Overtime to Stakeout Stores and Check on Complaints

(Statewide) – Agents with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) issued over 218 citations for various alcohol and drug-related violations in several California communities during a three month period covering March, April and May 2013. ABC conducted 66 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 59 individuals for fake identifications, 47 minors possession of alcohol, 32 individuals for selling alcohol to minors, 30 individuals for furnishing alcohol to minors and 10 for open containers of alcohol. Eight persons were arrested or cited for illegal drugs, six were arrested for parole violations, five were arrested for being drunk in public, five others were arrested for resisting arrest and others were arrested for various charges including concealed weapons, giving false statements to police, illegal possession of marijuana, violations of city laws such as consuming alcohol in public and open containers of alcohol in parks.

The program was funded 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 concluded at the end of May. It allowed ABC agents to stake out stores, parks, and community events where alcohol could potentially get into the hands of minors.

ABC agents responded to complaints forwarded to them from educational officials or community resource officers assigned to high schools. The agents conducted enforcement operations and cited individuals who broke alcohol-related laws such as selling alcohol to minors, furnishing alcohol to minors, minors in possession of alcohol and other offenses that were observed during the operations.

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