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ABC Revokes License of Flamingo Club in Stockton

Illegal Drug Sales Took Place at Bar

Stockton - Agents of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) today posted a Notice of Revocation at the Flamingo Club located at 1233 East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Stockton. The license was revoked because the bar allowed the sale of illegal drugs by employees to take place inside the premises.

Early in 2011, the body of a 19 year-old Riverbank woman was found in a field in Stockton. She was last seen at the Flamingo Club. ABC opened a Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies (TRACE) investigation to determine if the 19 year-old woman had been at the club and whether she had been served alcohol. ABC was not able to gather sufficient evidence to prove that she had been served alcohol in the club. However, during the course of the TRACE investigation, ABC received information that illegal drug sales might be occurring inside the club and began an undercover investigation that led to the accusation against the Flamingo Club.

The ABC investigation spanned three months. An employee at the bar sold cocaine to an undercover agent on more than one occasion. In addition, another bar employee aided and abetted in the sale of cocaine to an undercover agent. ABC filed an accusation against the Flamingo Club for allowing multiple sales of illegal drugs at the premises.

By law, no new license can be issued for this location for at least one year. Any future applicants will undergo a background check and their planned business operation will be investigated by the ABC and the city of Stockton.

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