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**ABC & Lake Elsinore Police Arrest Six on Illegal Narcotics and Vice Charges**

*ABC Agents and Lake Elsinore Police Officers Crack Down on Illegal Drug Sales and Vice Charges at Two Locations in Riverside County*

**(Riverside County)** – On Friday, December 13, 2013, California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents and officers from the Lake Elsinore Police Department arrested six individuals at two ABC licensed locations in the city of Lake Elsinore.

Authorities arrested two Lake Elsinore residents and a Wildomar resident for sales and possession of illegal drugs. Three other individuals from Riverside, Hawthorne and Lake Elsinore were arrested on vice charges involving illegal drink solicitations.

The arrests were the result of a lengthy undercover investigation in which ABC undercover Agents, with the assistance from Lake Elsinore officers, were able to make numerous undercover purchases of cocaine and methamphetamine from employees at the “Out House/Vaquero” Bar, located at 32310 Riverside Drive, in Lake Elsinore. The ABC-licensed establishment holds a Type 40 license (On-sale beer).

The undercover operation also involved vice violations that included illegal drinks solicitations occurring inside the “Casa De Lago” Restaurant & Bar, located at 17053 Lakeshore Drive, in Lake Elsinore. This type of scheme is a violation of section 303a of the California Penal Code, and Section 24200.5(b) of the California Business and Professions Code. In addition to the criminal charges, ABC will pursue administrative disciplinary action against both locations where employees were involved in illegal drug sales and drink solicitations. Penalties range from fines and suspensions to the possible revocation of their respective ABC licenses.

ABC initiated the investigations due to heightened concern about illegal drug sales in both locations. ABC Agents went undercover multiple times to develop the information that led to the arrests. The Lake Elsinore Police Department was brought in as a partner to provide expertise with local crime intelligence, back-up and support.

ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, which is under the direction of Secretary Anna M. Caballero, a member of the Governor’s Cabinet.