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ABC Suspends License of Historic 23 in Brisbane
The Business Cannot Sell Alcohol for 30 Days

BRISBANE – On July 3, 2014, Agents of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) posted a Notice of Suspension at the Historic 23 Club located at 23 Visitacion Avenue in Brisbane. The license of the Historic 23 Club has been suspended, and the club cannot sell alcohol for 30 days after agents reported illegal gambling on the premises.

Over the course of the investigation, ABC Agents and local law enforcement visited Club 23 several times, finding violations of state alcoholic beverage laws. Customers were seen gambling online using computers owned by the establishment. ABC agents, Brisbane Police officers and other law enforcement officers who work with the 13-member Coast Task Force assisted in the investigation.

Customers purchased Internet time using a magnetic striped card provided by the “Internet café” on site. Customers were able to play gambling-themed games and receive sweepstakes “entries” or “credits” based upon the amount spent. The sweepstakes entries are displayed on the computer screens as “credits.” The customer then had the option to select one of several gambling-themed games and made bets with the credits. Computers that offer the sweepstakes are illegal “slot machines or devices” prohibited by the California Penal Code section 330b, subdivision (d).

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

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