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ABC Agents Post Revocation at Coral Reef Bar in Wilmington

Alcohol can no longer be sold, served or consumed at the Business

(Wilmington) – California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents posted a Notice of Revocation today at the Coral Reef Bar located at 909 West Anaheim Street in Wilmington. The revocation was the result of a Los Angeles Police Department/ABC investigation. The Notice of Revocation means that alcohol may not be sold, served, or consumed at the business.

During the investigation, Los Angeles Police Officers and ABC Agents established that female employees were allowed to solicit the sale of alcoholic beverages from bar patrons, including undercover agents. The employees would add a surcharge to their alcoholic beverages for keeping male patrons company. The bar would receive the cash for the alcohol and pay out a commission to the female employee. This type of drink solicitation and commission scheme is a violation of the California Business and Professions Code Section 24200.5(b), 25657 (a) and 25657 (b). Such practices can contribute to the over-service of alcohol and possibly other violations of law.

The Los Angeles Police Department received several complaints from the community regarding the operation of the bar. ABC agents worked closely with local police during the investigation. Funding for the investigation was made possible by an ABC grant through the Department's Grant Assistance Program.

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

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