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ABC Investigators, Inglewood Police Work Together with the Forum to Make Events Safer
ABC, Inglewood Police cite over 62 individuals for various violations

Inglewood – California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigators and Inglewood Police have cited over 60 persons for possession of marijuana, minors in possession of alcohol, adults furnishing alcohol or drinking in the parking lot of the Forum which is a violation of a local city ordinance. The enforcement activity took place on December 6, 17 & 18, 2008 before and during AC/DC and Metallica concerts held at The Forum in Inglewood.

ABC, Inglewood Police and the Forum teamed up to reduce violations including underage drinking, individuals in possession of illegal narcotics, and drinking in the parking lot. The goal is to increase safety at the events and after their conclusion. Police and the management at the Forum wish to remind the public that it is illegal to drink alcoholic beverages in the parking lot.

As a result of the three days of enforcement, seven individuals were cited for marijuana possession, one for possession of rock cocaine, 33 minors were cited for possession of an alcoholic beverage, three minors were cited for both marijuana and alcohol possession charges, two adults were cited for furnishing alcohol to minors, and five were cited for drinking in the parking lot. Inglewood Police cited 11 individuals for various illegal alcohol and drug violations. "The Inglewood Police Department is committed to providing the community and Forum patrons with a safe and family-like environment. As such, we are hopeful that our latest enforcement efforts will act as a deterrent at future events," said Sgt. Robert B. Pessis, Inglewood Police Department Vice Section

ABC has been conducting enforcement operations state-wide in order to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors, public drunkenness and address illegal narcotic concerns. The overall goal is to help build stronger, healthier and safer communities. This operation is part of a continuing partnership involving the ABC and local law enforcement. "Alcohol is still the number one drug of choice among high school age youth and we have to do everything we can to prevent tragedies that often accompany underage drinking," said ABC Assistant Director Joseph Cruz.

Last year 188 young persons under the age of 21 died in alcohol-related crashes in California. ABC is a department of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency which is under the direction of Dale E. Bonner, a member of the Governor's Cabinet.