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**STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY CONDUCTS JOINT STING OPERATION OF
SUFFOLK COUNTY BAR - Law Enforcement and Community Join Together In
Successful Effort**

Albany, NY- The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) announced that a raid on a location in Suffolk County yielded 8 violations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law (ABC Law). Suffolk Police made 11 arrests including the owner/licensee and the bar's manager. The joint raid held in conjunction with the SLA's Beverage Control Investigators, Suffolk County Police and the Brookhaven Fire Marshall's is part of an ongoing series of investigations and enforcement actions being carried out by the SLA targeting the worst violators of the ABC Law.

2320 Route 112 LLC doing business as "Fusion", located at 2320 Route 122 in Medford NY was charged with 4 counts of serving alcohol to minors, as well as other ABC Law violations. The licensee, Patricia Molina, also has an SLA Hearing date set for February 2, 2006 on previous charges.

"Our efforts, working with local law enforcement and the community, will help to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, and ensure that licensees fully comply with the ABC Law" said SLA Chief Executive Officer, Joshua B. Toas, "Licensees found violating the law jeopardize the safety of the community and risk serious penalties. I want to thank our partners in this effort for their work on this successful sting operation."

"This raid is was an example of our system working at it's best. A complaint from concerned parents in the community against 'Fusion' filed with us, coupled with other ongoing investigations, lead to our undercover investigation disclosing numerous violations of the ABC Law which warranted further law enforcement action," Toas added.

Suffolk County Police Department Commanding Officer, Inspector Peter Quinn said, "The Suffolk County Police Department and the community will not tolerate any establishment that

blatantly disregards the law and puts our youth at risk. This establishment violated numerous state and local laws which warranted our special attention this past week-end.”

A Notice of Pleading, which is similar to a Summons in Civil Court, has been issued to the licensee. The investigation continues with the Liquor Authority. Disciplinary action which can result from such violations can range from a monetary civil penalty to revocation of the liquor license and/or issuance of a proscription for up to two years. A proscription would prohibit the landlord or any prospective buyers from opening a SLA licensed establishment on the premises.

Licensees found selling alcohol to minors face civil and criminal charges. Criminal charges can be filed against bartenders that serve minors and for minors found in possession of an alcoholic beverage. The charge currently carries a \$50 fine. Governor Pataki's recently unveiled Executive Budget calls for an increase of four times the current fine, raising it to \$200 per violation.

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