



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY

84 Holland Avenue  
Albany, New York 12208

317 Lenox Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

125 Main Street  
Buffalo, New York 14203

IN REPLYING REFER TO  
New York City

MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release

February 23, 2006

Contact: Kimberly Morella (212) 961-8331

[Public\\_Affairs@abc.state.ny.us](mailto:Public_Affairs@abc.state.ny.us)

**SECOND PHASE OF 'OPERATION PREVENT' YIELDS MORE VIOLATIONS IN  
CENTRAL NEW YORK**

**Joint Raids Target Underage Drinking**

*Albany, NY-* The State Liquor Authority (SLA) and Syracuse Police conducted a raid last night at Crouse West Holding Corp dba 'Faegan's Pub' located at 734-736 South Crouse Avenue in Syracuse. State Liquor Authority Beverage Control Investigators (BCI) and Syracuse Police working together, cited six total charges with Police issuing appearance tickets for one count each of; serving alcohol to a minor, purchasing alcohol for a minor, possession of alcohol by persons under 21, unlawfully dealing with a child and two Vehicle and Traffic Code violations of using false Drivers Licenses.

"We are combining efforts with local law enforcement to remedy the problem of underage drinking, and will continue to use all the means at our disposal to do so" said SLA Chief Executive Officer Joshua B. Toas. 'Operation Prevent' is a combined effort against underage drinking by the New York State Liquor Authority, New York State Police and local law enforcement.

Chief Gary Miguel stated "The consequences of excessive underage drinking affect virtually all college campuses, college communities, and college students, whether they chose to drink or not. Alcohol related deaths, injuries, physical and sexual assaults; drunk driving, vandalism and property damage all the results of excessive underage drinking. Providing liquor to underage persons is simply inexcusable. The Syracuse Police department will continue to take a zero tolerance stance towards underage drinking through aggressive and coordinated efforts with the New York State Liquor Authority and the New York State Police."

Charges, similar to a Summons in Civil Court, will be issued from the SLA via a Notice of Pleading. The investigation is ongoing. Disciplinary action 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.

Criminal charges can be filed against bartenders that serve minors and those 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. Licensees found selling alcohol to minors face civil and criminal charges.

On the Web: [www.abc.state.ny.us](http://www.abc.state.ny.us)

# # #