



## **FACT SHEET**

- During an investigation into accidents and incidents involving alcoholic beverages and under-aged individuals, information may be obtained establishing that alcohol was illegally provided to a person under 21.
- Under TRACE, investigating officers will pursue a line of questioning to identify where the alcoholic beverages were purchased or served.
- Investigating officers will be alert to the collection of evidence that may indicate where the alcoholic beverage was obtained. Such evidence may include false identification, receipts, bags, labels, matches, and statements of witnesses.
- When an investigating officer identifies an incident where someone may have illegally bought or been served an alcoholic beverage by an establishment licensed by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), the ABC will be notified as soon as possible so that they can conduct a simultaneous investigation.
- The ABC will be immediately notified of any death or injury involving under-aged drinking.
- If the ABC determines that a liquor outlet illegally provided alcohol to an individual under 21, the Department will suspend or revoke the liquor license of that business. ABC is responsible for licensing and regulating establishments that sell alcoholic beverages in addition to enforcing laws related to alcoholic beverages in the state.
- The protocol for TRACE was developed by the ABC, California Attorney General's Office, Office of Traffic Safety, California Highway Patrol, California Police Chiefs Association, California State Sheriffs' Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Lynne Goodwin of the Tulare County Office of Education.
- For more information about TRACE, contact Judy Matty of ABC at (562) 467-8400.