



# State of New Mexico

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### **State Commissions APD Officers to Enforce Liquor Control Act**

Santa Fe—The Department of Public Safety today commissioned two Albuquerque police officers to enforce administrative and regulatory violations of the Liquor Control Act. These officers are now able to cite bars and other liquor establishments who serve alcohol to intoxicated patrons and for selling booze to minors. These violations count as strikes in the new three strikes law. An establishment that is cited for three administrative violations in a twelve month period can face sanctions of fines and/or the loss of a liquor license.

This is the first time that an agency other than the Department of Public Safety has had full authority to enforce the administrative elements of the Liquor Control Act.

“The enforcement of the Liquor Control Act is a big job unfortunately, but now we have some help in Albuquerque. These two APD officers working with our Special Investigations Division agents will have a positive impact on the problem of drinking and driving,” said Herman Silva, Director of DPS Special Investigations Division.

SID agents and these APD officers will concentrate on citizen complaints and calls for service to identify trouble spots and problem establishments. The APD officers have been trained by SID agents and are able to take proper and full enforcement in citing problem bars and other establishments licensed to sell liquor.

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