

TABC closes several Odessa bars in drug cases

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ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Texas regulators have shut several Odessa bars in a three-year state and federal undercover investigation into drug trafficking.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission on Tuesday announced the closures in a probe of alleged drug-dealing employees.

TABC says the Sandy Lounge, Cash's Bar and the Archway Club Bar & Grill had their operating permits canceled earlier this year. Attorneys for the Goodtime Lounge are appealing its liquor permit revocation.

Eleven people have been indicted on federal charges including conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. State charges of delivery of a controlled substance and conspiracy have been filed with prosecutors in Pecos and Monahans.

TABC says the Odessa-related investigation also involved El Paso, Austin and San Antonio.

Names of the suspects and further details weren't immediately released Tuesday.