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LICENSE DENIALS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS / LICENSE REVOCATIONS

None

PROSECUTION UPDATES

<u>Substratum Wine Company – Lompoc, CA</u>

The Santa Barbara County District Attorney accepted a complaint against Mr. Stephen Villa Jr. for operating without a license under the Produce Dealers Act and failure to pay. Mr. Villa is alleged to have purchased California wine grapes for processing without having a processors license in his possession. Additionally he failed to pay growers for said grapes. Mr. Villa's next court date is set for February 6, 2017 in Santa Barbara County court.

Rory Kylan, Public Defender, stated Mr. Villa has a witness that could help his client. Next court date was set for March 28, 2017.

The next court date has been set for April 25, 2017.

Jeffrey Wayne Latham - Wilton, CA

On August 1, 2013, a criminal complaint was filed against Jeffrey Wayne Latham with the Solano County District Attorney's office alleging Grand Theft under the Penal Code §487, a felony, and operating without a license under the Food and Agricultural Code (56632); a misdemeanor.

His first court appearance was on January 10, 2017. Matter continued to February 8, 2017 for entry of plea.

The matter has been continued to March 15, 2017.

The next court date has been continued to May 1, 2017 for a preliminary hearing.