MARKET ENFORCEMENT BRANCH HOT NEWS May 2017

LICENSE DENIALS

Golden Valley Fruit Packing Inc 2599 Reed Road Yuba City, CA 95993

License Denied on May 2, 2017

Cardenas Produce Corp 14055 Hawes Street Whittier, CA 90605 License Denied on May 15, 2017

Marty Martinez Farms

19745 Grangeville Blvd Lemoore, CA 93245 License Denied on May 15, 2017

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS / LICENSE REVOCATIONS

Noreen Abiera Aquino – Visalia, CA

Ms. Aquino failed to satisfy the requirements of licensure and violated provisions of the Food and Agricultural Code. During the review process, it was determined that a criminal case had been filed against Ms. Aquino in the Superior Court of Tulare County. The case resulted in a conviction and restitution payment to the victim. A Statement of Issues was therefore issued by CDFA to Ms. Aquino and her application for license was denied.

PROSECUTION UPDATES

Substratum Wine Company - Lompoc, CA

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.

This case has been continued until June 20, 2017.

<u> Jeffrey Wayne Latham – Wilton, CA</u>

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.

The preliminary hearing date was vacated and there is no new appearance date scheduled at this time.