

Market Enforcement Branch

Hot News

February 2010

LICENSE DENIALS

El Rey de Reyes Y Socio Produce
219 L Street, Apt A
Patterson, CA 95363
License denied on February 22, 2010

Fresh & Best Produce Inc
PO Box 41243
San Jose, CA 95160
License denied on February 22, 2010

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS / LICENSE REVOCATIONS

COSENTINO SIGNATURE ENTERPRISES, LLC
7415 St. Helena Highway
Yountville, California 94599
License No. G16284

Per a Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge after the conclusion of an Administrative Hearing, License No. G16284 issued to Cosentino Signature Enterprises, LLC is suspended for a period of three months. The decision was approved February 4, 2010 and became effective March 1, 2010.

MATTHEW TRULLI & JARED SOUZA
202 Gilbert Drive
Santa Rosa, California 95405

Matthew Trulli & Jared Souza (Respondent), licensed under the Processors Law (E16906), was served with a Notice to Revoke Stay on September 14, 2009. They filed a Notice of Defense in a timely manner and an Administrative Hearing was scheduled for December 22, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The Respondent failed to appear at the scheduled time and place of the hearing and was therefore in default. Respondent's license under the Processors Law was revoked effective February 13, 2010.

PROSECUTION UPDATES

Christopher Cisneros dba Sun Ripe Produce – Delano, CA

A criminal complaint was filed against Mr. Cisneros with the Kern County District Attorney's Office alleging that while unlicensed under the Produce Dealers Act, he purchased California grown farm product for resale. Mr. Cisneros was arrested and pled not guilty to the charges filed against him and posted bail. A hearing was set for February 11, 2010 at Delano Superior Court. At the preliminary hearing held February 10, 2010, the defendant changed his not guilty plea to Nolo Contendere to one count of operating without a license (FAC §56632), a misdemeanor, and was found guilty by the court. He was ordered to serve 30 days in jail through the work release program and make restitution in the amount of \$39,260.81 in addition to court costs.

Ignazio Robert Ugenti (Quality First Distribution, Inc.) – San Jose, CA

The Merced County District Attorney accepted a complaint against Mr. Ugenti for operating without a license under the Produce Dealers Act. Mr. Ugenti is alleged to have purchased California farm products for resale without having a dealers license in his possession. Mr. Ugenti failed to appear at his arraignment on October 20, 2009 at the Merced County Superior Court. The judge issued a bench warrant in the amount of \$25,000. The case is pending.

John Bowersox dba High Point Raisin and Nor Cal Raisin – Chowchilla, CA

A criminal complaint has been filed against John Bowersox with the Madera County District Attorney's office alleging Grand Theft under the Penal Code and operating without a license under the Food and Agricultural Code. On September 29, 2009, an arrest warrant was issued against Mr. Bowersox for Grand Theft (PC 487 (b) (1) (A)), a felony; and operating without a license under the Food and Agricultural Code (56632), a misdemeanor. Mr. Bowersox was arrested on October 20, 2009 and posted bail.

At his arraignment on November 16, 2009, he pled not guilty to all charges. A pre-trial conference scheduled for January 6, 2010 was re-scheduled for March 18, 2010.