

# **Market Enforcement Branch**

Hot News

December 2009

## **LICENSE DENIALS**

**Martin & Weyrich Winery, LLC**  
**Eric Hice dba Hice Cellars**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS / LICENSE REVOCATIONS**

### **SUNNY RED SALES**

PO Box 531383  
San Diego, CA 92153

Sunny Red Sales (respondent), a partnership of Abraham Lopez and Azarael Flores, was issued a license under the Produce Dealers Act and placed on 2 years probation per a Stipulated Agreement.

Respondent failed to abide by the terms of the Stipulation and on October 14, 2009, the Department served respondent with a Notice to Revoke Stay. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense.

Respondent's license under the Produce Dealers Act was revoked per a Decision and Order effective December 31, 2009.

### **MARTIN & WEYRICH WINERY, LLC**

PO Box 7003  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Martin & Weyrich Winery, LLC (respondent) was served with a Statement of Issues to deny their application for a license under the Processors Law. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense.

Respondent's license application under the Processors Law was denied per a Decision and Order effective December 31, 2009.

### **ERIC HICE, dba HICE CELLARS**

500Linne Road A2  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Eric Hice, dba Hice Cellars (respondent) was served with a Statement of Issues to deny their application for a license under the Processors Law. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense.

Respondent's license application under the Processors Law was denied per a Decision and Order effective December 31, 2009.

## **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. The amount alleged owed to handlers is in excess of \$32,000. An arrest warrant was issued in the amount of \$20,000. On December 20, 2009, Mr. Cisneros was arrested and arraigned. He pled not guilty. Pre-trial hearing is scheduled for January 6, 2010.

### **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 is scheduled for January 6, 2010.