

Market Enforcement Branch

Hot News

September 2012

LICENSE DENIALS

Chavez Produce

1111 Superior Street

Santa Maria, CA 93458

License denied on September 6, 2012

Casablanca Wholesale Flowers

650 Brannan Street

San Francisco, CA 94107

Licensed denied on September 25, 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS / LICENSE REVOCATIONS

None

PROSECUTION UPDATES

Martin Nonini – Madera, CA

The Madera County District Attorney filed a misdemeanor complaint against Mr. Nonini for operating without a license under the Food and Agricultural Code. Mr. Nonini is alleged to have purchased and sold pomegranates without having a dealer's license in his possession.

On December 28, 2011, Mr. Nonini was scheduled to be arraigned in the Madera County Superior Court, but failed to appear. A \$10,000 bench warrant was issued and held until the next arraignment scheduled for January 11, 2012.

On January 11, 2012, the hearing was rescheduled due to a court error. On February 29, 2012, the hearing was re-scheduled for March 21, 2012.

On March 21, 2012, Mr. Nonini pled not guilty. The court trial was set for June 18, 2012 at which time a trial setting was scheduled for August 20, 2012. The court trial was rescheduled to October 29, 2012.

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

A criminal complaint was 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.

On April 1, 2011, a preliminary hearing was scheduled in the Madera Superior Court. On December 9, 2011, Mr. Bowersox stipulated into a no contest plea for operating without a license and the judge found cause for grand theft. A discovery hearing was scheduled for January 6, 2012.

On January 6, 2012, Mr. Bowersox requested additional time.

On April 6, 2012, Mr. Bowersox's attorney submitted a declaration of time waiver to the court. A trial setting was scheduled for May 17, 2012, wherein Mr. Bowersox's attorney was present and requested a trial confirmation date. The trial date was scheduled for October 9, 2012.