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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FILES CIVIL ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST UNLICENSED CANNABIS RETAILERS

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego City Attorney's Office has filed a civil enforcement action under the Unfair Competition Law (UCL) and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act against Mira Mesa Smoke and Vape, Inc., Prime Smoke and Vape, and individuals Wadea Wadea and Talin Toma for the unlawful sale of unlicensed cannabis products. This action was brought on behalf of the People of the State of California.

The complaint alleges that the defendants operated unlicensed cannabis outlets in violation of California law and the San Diego Municipal Code. Undercover investigations revealed that THC-containing products were sold from concealed back rooms, bypassing required licensing, safety, and labeling regulations. The businesses lacked the required state cannabis licenses and City of San Diego Cannabis Outlet Permits, and their operations constituted an unlawful sale of controlled substances and a public nuisance under California law. By operating outside this regulatory framework, the defendants undermined protections designed to safeguard public health, ensure product safety, and prevent diversion into illegal markets.

"Unlicensed cannabis operations pose a real risk to public health and undermine the integrity of our regulated marketplace," said **City Attorney Heather Ferbert**. "These businesses operate outside the safeguards that protect consumers, including licensing, testing, and labeling requirements. My office is committed to enforcing the law, protecting the public, and ensuring that businesses that follow the rules are not undercut by illegal operators."

The lawsuit seeks injunctive relief, abatement of public nuisance, and civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per violation under the UCL, and up to \$25,000 per violation under the Health and Safety Code. The complaint also seeks additional penalties for violations perpetrated against senior citizens or disabled persons.

This case is being prosecuted by the Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACE) Unit of the City Attorney's Office, which pursues public interest actions on behalf of the People of the State of California.

The Complaint is attached [here](#).

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