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2ND POT DISPENSARY SHUT DOWN FOR FRAUD

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Friday, November 15th, 2013, Billy Kim, a 26 year old Corona resident, pled guilty to charges of Submitting Fraudulent Government Documents, Worker's Compensation Fraud, and Unemployment Insurance Fraud in Riverside Superior Court.

The charges stem from an investigation conducted by the Riverside Police Department's Economic Crimes Unit. Kim owned and operated a business known as "Natural Health & Solutions" on Hole Ave in Riverside. Kim filed a Business Tax application with the City of Riverside, stating that he would sell vitamins and minerals from the location. He specifically stated that he would not make marijuana available to the public. After a search warrant was served, it was discovered Kim was selling marijuana and related paraphernalia for profit at the location instead of vitamins and minerals.

Kim was sentenced to a felony and two misdemeanors. He must serve 150 days in jail and remain on formal probation for three years. He must also pay a \$10,000 fine for the Worker's Compensation Fraud.

Kim's case follows a similar marijuana dispensary case, also investigated by the Riverside Economic Crimes Unit. On October 22nd, 2012, Jimmie Sutterfield, a 31 year old resident of Riverside, pled guilty to charges of Perjury of a Government Document and Worker's Compensation Fraud. Sutterfield owned and operated a business known as "Sutterfield Aviation" which was located in the 6000 block of Magnolia Avenue in Riverside. During the service of a search warrant it was discovered marijuana was being sold instead of airplane parts.

Sutterfield submitted a City Business Tax Application that stated he would sell airplanes parts. Sutterfield was sentenced to a felony and a misdemeanor. He was order to serve 150 days in jail and serve three years formal probation as well as pay a \$2,000 fine.



Both businesses also claimed to have volunteers instead of employees. The police investigation revealed that the volunteers were actually employees who were being paid without the necessary Workers Compensation and Unemployment Insurance taxes being deducted.

The City's zoning ordinance prohibits medical marijuana dispensaries within the City of Riverside. The Riverside Police Department and the City Attorney's Office work in conjunction to aggressively combat the opening of these illegal businesses.

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