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**JUDGEMENT ANNOUNCED AGAINST WALGREENS IN PRICE SCANNER AND EXPIRED PRODUCTS CASE**

Santa Cruz County District Attorney Jeffrey S. Rosell announced today the settlement of a civil law enforcement action against Walgreens Company. The company was found to be in violation of state law for charging consumers more than the lowest-posted or advertised price, and for selling infant formula, baby food, and over-the-counter drugs after their “use by” and expiration dates.

This action was filed in Santa Clara County Superior Court. These violations were discovered as a result of inspections by the Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services Divisions and the District Attorney’s offices of Santa Clara, Contra Costa, and San Mateo counties.

Without admitting wrongdoing, Walgreens agreed to pay \$2,250,000 in civil penalties and costs. The judgement also prohibits violating applicable laws and requires Walgreens to institute a compliance program. That program includes procedures to ensure the removal of infant formula, baby food and over-the counter drugs prior to the “use by” or “expiration” dates. The program also requires procedures to ensure that consumers are charged accurate prices, such as removal of shelf tags from store shelves prior to expiration and adjusting charges at point-of-sale to reflect the lowest advertised, posted or quoted price on the sales floor for in-store purchases.

The present Modified Stipulated Final Judgment superseded a 2013 pricing violations judgment against Walgreens, by adding new injunctive, compliance and civil penalty and costs provisions to address the new pricing and expired product violations.

Rosell said of the judgement, “I would like to thank and commend the cooperating agencies in helping ensure that corporations of all sizes are held accountable for operating their business responsibly and complying with applicable laws. This action will help safeguard the health and safety of the consumers in our community, most notably children and infants.”