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**CIVIL COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST TWO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-BASED CORPORATIONS
SEEKING PENALTIES FOR COMMITTING MORE THAN 20,000 VIOLATIONS**

RIVERSIDE – A complaint seeking civil penalties and equitable relief has been filed against two Southern California-based corporations, including one in Corona.

The complaint, filed on March 7, 2016, in Ventura County Superior Court, alleges more than 20,000 violations were committed by Corona-based TRM Manufacturing, Inc.; La Mirada-based United Polymers, Inc.; the president and chief executive officer of both corporations, Ted R. Moore, AKA Theodore Moore; and his son Ted Moore II, AKA Theodore Moore II, the vice president of TRM. The complaint alleges they have been engaging in a pattern of false and/or misleading advertising, unfair and/or fraudulent business practices, and repeatedly violating prior injunctions. Both corporations do business throughout California and are involved in the sale and/or distribution of plastic bags and other plastic products.

In 2013, TRM and United Polymers were the subjects of a law enforcement action in Riverside County after thousands of packages were removed from sale at TRM and United Polymer warehouses and from retail facilities for being short measure and/or failing to conform to the requirements of the California Fair Packaging and Labeling Act. Prior to the 2013 case, TRM was the subject of three other enforcement actions in 1988 (in Sacramento County), 1989 (in Sacramento County), and 1996 (in Fresno County), for failing to comply with the California Fair Packaging and Labeling Act.

Despite these four prior law enforcement actions, it is alleged in the current complaint that the defendants have continued to make misrepresentations in connection with the sale of their products, failed to comply with the California Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, and violated terms of permanent injunctions issued by the Superior Courts of Riverside, Fresno, and Sacramento counties.

In 2014 and 2015, inspections conducted by state and county Weights and Measures officials uncovered numerous new violations in the warehouses of TRM and United Polymers. Officials removed thousands of packages from sale due to these violations. In addition, inspections of plastics products sold to Home Depot stores around the state led to packages being removed from sale because they were less quantity than was represented.

Along with the Riverside County DA's Office, the civil complaint was filed in conjunction with the DA's Offices in Ventura, Santa Cruz, Fresno, and Los Angeles counties.

In Riverside County, the case was handled by Deputy District Attorney Elise Farrell of the DA's Consumer Protection Unit.

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