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**JUDGE ORDERS TANNERITE SPORTS LLC TO PAY \$350,000
IN PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION RELATED TO ITS EXPLODING TARGETS**

Tannerite cannot tell consumers the product is legal to possess or use in California without a permit

RIVERSIDE – Riverside County DA Mike Hestrin announced today that a company selling and distributing exploding targets has been ordered by a Superior Court judge to pay \$350,000 in penalties and restitution and can no longer represent to consumers that its product is legal to possess or use in California without a permit or license.

Oregon-based Tannerite Sports LLC also is enjoined from representing that detonation of its Tannerite Brand Binary Rifle Targets cannot cause a fire. Two San Diego consumers were sued for \$4.3 million when they detonated targets on Bureau of Land Management land causing a 1,200-plus acre fire. The two men settled for \$50,000. This settlement requires Tannerite Sports LLC to pay \$50,000 in restitution to those two consumers.

Prosecutors maintained that Tannerite Brand Binary Rifle Targets qualify under California law as an explosive and destructive device. That requires consumers to obtain the appropriate permit before possessing the target – even in its unmixed form. Prior to this civil law enforcement action, multiple consumers were criminally charged in California for possessing or using the targets without permits.

This civil law enforcement action was brought against Tannerite Sports LLC by the Riverside County and San Diego County District Attorney's Offices. Shortly before a trial was set to begin, the parties settled. Tannerite Sports LLC admitted no liability.

Along with the ordered restitution, Tannerite Sports LLC was also ordered to pay \$300,000 in civil penalties and investigative costs which will be divided evenly by both DA's Offices.

Under this action, any other binary exploding target the company may manufacture, advertise, sell and/or distribute under a different name whose components are essentially the same as the Binary Rifle Targets are also included.

Tannerite Sports LLC now must state clearly and conspicuously on its website and any other media which may be viewed by California residents, including social media, that some jurisdictions require a permit or license to use this product and to check with local law enforcement agencies before purchasing the product.

The final judgement was signed on Aug. 30, 2018, by Riverside County Superior Court Judge John Vineyard.

The case, RIC1608238, was handled in Riverside County by Deputy District Attorney Lauren Dossey of the DA's Consumer Protection Unit.

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