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**KOHL'S DEPARTMENT STORES AGREES TO SETTLEMENT  
IN CIVIL PROTECTION LAWSUIT OF NEARLY \$1 MILLION**

**RIVERSIDE** – District Attorney Mike Hestrin announced today, June 26, 2015, that Kohl's Department Stores, Inc. has agreed to settle a civil protection lawsuit of nearly \$1 million.

The civil action against Kohl's was filed in Santa Cruz County Superior Court by District Attorney's Offices in Riverside, Fresno, Santa Cruz, and Shasta counties.

The complaint alleges that Kohl's violated the law by charging customers a higher price than the prices advertised on store shelves and signage. The complaint also alleges that material disclosures relating to the "Kohl's Cash" program were not adequately made in Kohl's advertisements. The case arose from scanner/price inspections by multiple county Weights & Measures divisions. The inspections revealed numerous occasions where the price charged at the cash register at Kohl's stores was not the lowest advertised or posted price. Kohl's cooperated with inspectors and the DA's Offices during the investigation and has instituted enhanced policies and procedures to improve pricing accuracy.

Regarding its "Kohl's Cash" program, Kohl's will be required to display signage at the register which provides how Kohl's Cash is applied when combined with other percent-off discounts. In addition, material disclosures regarding the application of "Kohl's Cash" are also required to be displayed in a manner that is clear on all printed advertising done by Kohl's.

Without admitting wrongdoing, Kohl's consented to an entry of a judgment that includes injunctive provisions to ensure future compliance, as well as a total payment of \$958,686 for civil penalties, costs of investigation, and restitution.

In the settlement, the four District Attorney's Offices will each receive \$224,000 and the Riverside County Division of Weights & Measures will receive \$4,718. The District Attorneys' Offices will use their shares to fund consumer protection activities and the Weights & Measures divisions will use their portion to recoup costs of their investigations.

There are 12 Kohl's stores in Riverside County.

The stipulated final judgment was signed on June 25, 2015, by Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Marjorie L Carter.

The case was handled in Riverside County by Deputy District Attorney Elise Farrell of the DA's Consumer Protection Team.

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