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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **“DA’s Office Reaches Settlement In Product Packaging Case”**

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Shasta County District Attorney Stephen S. Carlton announced today that his office, along with the District Attorneys’ Offices of Fresno, San Joaquin, and Yolo Counties reached a settlement in a consumer protection case against Johnson & Johnson and Neutrogena. The case concerned alleged product packaging violations in the sale of over-the-counter and health/beauty products by the companies.

The matter focused on Johnson & Johnson and Neutrogena packages that were misleading, because the packages appeared to hold more product than they actually held. Sacramento and Contra Costa Counties initiated and participated in the investigation. No public health implications were alleged, and Johnson & Johnson and Neutrogena cooperated with the prosecution team during the investigation.

Without admitting any wrongdoing, Johnson & Johnson and Neutrogena, as part of the settlement, agreed to pay a total of \$506,000.00 in civil penalties and investigative costs. The companies also agreed to take steps to assure that future packaging of their products are in compliance with federal, state, and local laws.

The matter was prosecuted locally for Shasta County, by Deputy District Attorney Anand “Lucky” Jesrani of the Consumer Protection Unit. The Shasta County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures also assisted in the prosecutors’ investigation.

Consumers in Shasta County who believe they are the victims of fraud or false/misleading advertising are encouraged to contact the Consumer Division of the Shasta County District Attorney’s Office at (530) 245-6300.