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PR 16-18**National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) Names Agent of the Year
*ABC Agent Casey Tinloy Receives National Honor***

(Indianapolis, Indiana) - On September 9th, 2016, ABC Agent Casey Tinloy of the Bay Area Field Enforcement Office received the 2015 Agent of the Year award from the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA). Agent Tinloy accepted the award at the 30th Annual NLLEA Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 2015, Agent Tinloy conducted an investigation into an unlicensed business which resulted in several felony charges. The investigation was pursuant to information received from an allied law enforcement agency that a wine shop was operating unlicensed stills. It was later determined that a suspect was manufacturing and selling both wine and distilled spirits without a license at an industrial warehouse.

Agent Tinloy served as the primary undercover operator, wrote the search warrant affidavits, secured the arrest and search warrants, and coordinated with allied agencies. During the undercover operation, Agent Tinloy was successful in purchasing illegally produced rum, whiskey and wine on several dates from the business owner. He was also able to gain full access to the unlicensed production facility where the suspect shared with him how he ran the illegal operation. On December 10, 2015, search warrants were served at the unlicensed business and at the suspect's residence. At the business address, two illegal stills, 200 gallons of illegal distilled spirits, and over 500 cases of illegally produced wine were seized by Agents. At the residence, more than 40 illegal and unregistered firearms and components were seized, including fully-automatic assault rifles, grenade launchers and gun silencers.

“This was an outstanding effort by Agent Tinloy. His exemplary work to protect the community is an inspiration to the entire organization,” said ABC Director Ramona Prieto.

An arrest warrant was served on the suspect at his business office and he was transported and booked into the Contra Costa County Jail.

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