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ABC and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Confiscate Illegal Still near Ramona

Ramona - San Diego County - Agents of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), Deputies from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and Investigators from the Federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) confiscated an illegal still this morning in Ramona.

The ABC had been investigating the location after receiving a complaint that distilled spirits were being manufactured illegally at the property. Possession of a still without holding the required ABC license is a felony in the state of California. The possession of unregistered stills and the production of distilled spirits without a Federal permit and without payment of tax are Federal felony offenses which may result in the seizure and forfeiture of land and other property associated with the illegal activity. Illegal stills are potentially explosive in nature and can pose a significant threat to public safety. A distilled spirit product made illegally is not regulated and may also not be safe to consume.

Agents served the search warrant for the illegal still at a residence on Davis Cup Road in the San Diego Country Estates area of Ramona early this morning. Evidence of distilling, equipment, and moonshine was seized. A male adult was taken into custody at the scene. Agents say he is cooperating with authorities.

ABC is a Department of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.