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Gym Ordered to Cease Indoor Operations in Violation of State and Local Health Order

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that the District Attorney’s Office Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit obtained a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) today against BSF Fitness (BSF). BSF is gym located in the City of Ventura. The TRO orders BSF to comply with state and local health orders which currently prohibit indoor operations by gyms and fitness centers. The District Attorney’s Office had previously filed a civil complaint against BSF alleging a violation of California’s Unfair Competition Law, in response to BSF’s failure to cease indoor operations during the Covid-19 pandemic, as required by law. The TRO requires BSF to abide by the terms of the state and local health orders until the court determines whether a preliminary injunction is appropriate in order to enjoin similar conduct during the pendency of the case.

Local officials have made numerous requests that BSF Fitness comply with the law by ceasing indoor operations while prohibited by state and local health orders. Despite these requests, BSF Fitness has continued to operate in violation of state and local health requirements.

An Order to Show Cause regarding the issuance of a preliminary injunction is set for August 31, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in courtroom 42 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

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