Special Investigation S050222MO0801

Location:

Wilson's Pest Control 2616 Woodson Road, St. Louis, MO, 63114

Introduction:

On April 22, 2022 I was contacted by Kory Hubbard, Pesticide Enforcement Program Coordinator. Mr. Hubbard informed me that there was an investigation that needed to be completed in the St. Louis area and he would like for me and PUI Kash Kruep to coordinate with each other to arrange a time and place to meet and conduct the investigation. Mr. Hubbard stated that the investigation would consist of purchasing product from two Wilson Pest Control locations and that I was to make a purchase from one and PUI Kruep was to make a purchase from the other location.

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PUI Kruep dropped me off at the location and I proceeded inside the store. Upon entering a lady behind the desk asked "what my problem was and what I was looking for". I stated that I had an ant problem and with other bugs in my crawl space as well as mice. The lady placed two containers on the counter and instructed me to walk over to some wooden bins with hinged lids against the wall to my left. The lady instructed me to reach into the 1st bin closet to the window labeled mice and get a bag out of it and then come down to the other end and get a bag out of that bin. The lady stated the first bin was for my basement/crawl space and the second bag would be for inside the home. The second bin that she had me open was empty. She stated that she should have some in tomorrow. When I returned to the counter she instructed me to use 3 oz. of the big bottle of product in 1 gallon of water and all of the smaller bottle. No written instructions or additional material was provided.

Investigator's Comments:

There were at least five bins against the wall with Ziploc bags of product inside or supposedly inside the one was empty. Two said mice, two said rat, one said opossum.

There were several containers of product on display single file to the right of the counter. However I was not allowed to browse that area to see what all the containers were. The two

bottles of products I was provided came from behind the counter in an area that I could not see.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Driskill

Pesticide Use Investigator

MO Dept of Agriculture

Plant Industries Division

Bureau of Pesticide Control

May 04, 2022

Ag Follow-Up Investigation S050222MO0801

Location:

Wilson's Pest Control 2400 N Grand Blvd St. Louis, MO 63106

Introduction:

On April 22, 2022 I was contacted by Kory Hubbard, Pesticide Enforcement Program Coordinator in regards to an investigation in St. Louis, MO. Mr. Hubbard informed me that Pesticide Use Investigator (PUI) Cassie Driskill and I would be conducting the investigation which consisted of each of us purchasing pesticide products from two Wilson Pest Control locations. These products were stated to be potentially violating the Missouri Pesticide Registration Act.

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Upon arriving at the Wilson's Pest Control location at 2400 N Grand Blvd St. Louis, MO 63106, PUI Cassie Driskill dropped me off outside the business location, which I had to be buzzed into, and I proceeded inside the store. I was greeted by the gentleman behind the desk and he asked me if I needed help finding anything. As I was looking at the display of pesticides for sale, located to the right of the service counter, I stated that I had an issue with termites and was needing something to control them. I found the container that read termiticide/insecticide and asked if this product would work, and he assured me it would. He asked if there was any other issues I had and I mentioned that my chickens were being attacked by opossums. He said he had what I needed, left the counter and grabbed something from a bin behind his desk. He then presented me with a zip-lock bag containing red bait blocks and stated that I should cover them in peanut butter and put them around my chicken pen; he warned me that I should not let my dog ingest the blocks or the mice/opossums that would have died from eating the block. While the purchase transaction was taking place the clerk said that I would just need to add 4-6oz of the termiticide per gallon of water and spray around my home. I asked him if it could be used inside for ants and he stated that it could, but to make sure there was no one home for a few hours after the application. He also asked if I was on blood pressure medication, I responded that I am not and why it would matter? He answered that it would be unsafe to apply if I had high blood pressure. I then thanked him for his help and left the business. Shortly after leaving I realized I did not have a receipt for my purchase and returned

to get a copy. The same gentleman behind the desk buzzed me back in and I retrieved my receipt copy. I thanked him again and left.

Investigator's Comments:

Multiple products were visible on the shelf labeled as "Professional Pest Control concentrates." Some of which were observed to share the same EPA Registration number.

While the transaction was taking place plastic totes/bins behind the desk were observed to be filled with zip-lock bags of multiple different color of bait blocks.

No official labels were provided with any products received, simple verbal instructions was all that was supplied.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kash Kruep

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May 5, 2022