



Another grower Caught Illegally Propagating Knock Out® Roses

West Grove, PA – [The Conard-Pyle Company](#) has recently reached a settlement with a nursery in Central Louisiana found to have infringed its plant patent rights on the popular [Knock Out®](#) roses. Conard-Pyle required the nursery to immediately destroy all infringing plants and to sign a binding agreement which carries substantial penalties if the nursery is found doing it again in the future.

The nursery was in violation of United States Plant Patent Laws that state that no one may asexually propagate or sell any patented plant without the permission of the patent owner. The nursery found in violation has been warned in the past and Plantwatch®, the well known monitoring program that is helping Conard-Pyle as well as other nurseries to enforce its Intellectual Property Rights was able to confirm the infringement.

“Illegal propagation is a matter that we take very seriously,” says Jacques Ferare, Vice President of License for The Conard-Pyle Co. “As the introducer of The Knock Out® Family of Roses, we are committed to ensuring that these plants are grown only by legitimate growers. This not only protects legitimate nurseries, it also guarantees that the consumer is getting the real thing and not a ‘knock off.’ Unfortunately, this is the second time this year that we had to take such an action, and sadly we are working on other cases as well as we speak.”

To ensure the rights of their popular Knock Out® brand of roses are being protected, Conard-Pyle is taking legal steps to enforce its Trademark and Plant Patent rights throughout the horticultural industry.

About The Conard-Pyle Co.: From the Peace rose to the revolutionary Knock Out® and Drift® roses, The Conard-Pyle Co. has been a pioneer in the field of plant development and introduction for more than 100 years. Founded in 1897 as a retail mail order firm specializing in roses, Conard-Pyle has evolved from a wholesale container nursery to a leading genetics company involved directly in breeding roses, perennials and woody plants, and introducing plants from other breeders around the world. To learn more about The Conard-Pyle Co., please visit <http://www.conard-pyle.com/>, like the Knock Out® Family of Roses Facebook [page](#), or [sign up](#) for the Knock Out® Family of Roses e-newsletter.





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