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Yesterday morning, Branden Woolley, an Agricultural Commissioner's Office inspector, found a live adult glassy-winged sharpshooter (GWSS) on a 5-gallon staked *Pandorea jasminoides* vine shipped from a large Orange County wholesale nursery to a large plant retailer in Napa. Fortunately, it was a cool morning and the insect was not moving when captured and placed in a vial. As it warmed up in the pocket of one of the other inspectors, it became evident that it was very much alive. This is the first live adult GWSS ever found in Napa County, and the first GWSS life stage found on a nursery plant shipment to Napa County in 2007.

The insect was taken to the CDFA entomology laboratory in Sacramento for official identification. Later in the day, the lab determined that the insect was in fact a female glassy-winged sharpshooter.

No pesticide treatments were documented for the shipment, since the origin nursery maintains a trapping program and qualifies as a "non-infested premise". To qualify for this designation, a nursery must be free of viable GWSS egg masses and live nymphs, and no more than 3 adults may be found in the same half acre within a two-week period. CDFA and the Orange County Agricultural Commissioner have been notified and a review of the nursery's status as a "non-infested premise" is underway.

Upon hearing of the find, the origin nursery agreed to return to the retailer and remove the plants from the county. By one o'clock the entire load had been picked up. Temperatures remained cool during the day, reducing the possibility that any undetected adult GWSS would have been able to fly offsite. The minimum temperature at which GWSS will fly is in the 55° to 60° Fahrenheit range, and Napa's high for the day was approximately 53°.

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