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TRAFFICKING IN COUNTERFEITED MERCHANDISE RESULTS IN TWO SENTENCES AND A GUILTY PLEA

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner, Placer County Sheriff Edward Bonner, and United States Secret Service Resident Agent-in-Charge Scott Gillingham, announced today that SUNSHINE PASCUAL, 37, of San Francisco, was sentenced today to three years of probation for trafficking in counterfeited goods at the Galt Flea Market. PASCUAL pleaded guilty in April 2009 to selling counterfeit items mimicking merchandise from Chanel, Coach, Gucci, Abercrombie & Fitch, and others, with a total value, if they had been real, of over \$200,000.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the United States Secret Service, Placer County Sheriff's Office, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), Galt Police Department, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and Sacramento Police Department. The trademark holders cooperated with law enforcement in investigating these cases.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Robin Taylor, who is prosecuting the case, another defendant from the Galt Flea Market, ERIC XU, 38, of Sacramento, pleaded guilty to selling counterfeited handbags, wallets, and other merchandise bearing the trademarks of Gucci, Coach, Chanel, Prada, and Dolce & Gabbana on December 16, 2009. Also this week, MICHELLE BUNFILL, 48, of Loomis, was sentenced on December 14, 2009 to three years of probation and 10 months home detention for selling counterfeited handbags, wallets, and sunglasses, and other merchandise bearing the trademarks of Gucci, Coach, Prada, Burberry, Kate Spade, Chanel, and others.

United States Attorney Benjamin Wagner stated, "These cases reaffirm that continued success in combating intellectual property violations lies in the cooperation of federal, state, and local law enforcement. The counterfeiting problem has become a global concern and presents social and safety problems that adversely affect global and local economies."

ERIC XU faces a possible sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$2 million, or both. The counterfeited items are also subject to forfeiture.

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