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JURY CONVICTS RETAIL CLOTHING STORE OWNER OF SELLING COUNTERFEIT MERCHANDISE

Shreveport, Louisiana. . .Dwight Anthony Reed, 51, of Shreveport, La., the owner of a retail store formerly located in Pierre Bossier Mall in Bossier City, La., was convicted last night by a federal jury of trafficking in counterfeit goods, Acting United States Attorney William J. Flanagan announced today.

Reed was charged in a 19-count indictment with trafficking in counterfeit goods. According to court testimony, in May 2005, Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Bossier City Police officers seized over 380 counterfeit trademarked items from a retail clothing store known as "Rockafellas" in Bossier City's Pierre Bossier Mall, including shoes, clothing and accessories displaying registered trademarked names and symbols associated with Louis Vuitton, Coach, Gucci, Lacoste, Ecko, Phat Farm, Baby Phat, Nike, NCAA, NBA, NFL, and Roca Wear. In January and February 2006, agents seized another 293 suspected counterfeit items, including 43 pairs of counterfeit Nike shoes at the same store. In July 2006, a seizure was also made at Reed's "Rockafellas" stores at the malls in Longview and Texarkana. Over 1,000 counterfeit trademarked items were presented at trial.

After the jury's verdict, U. S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., revoked Reed's bond and ordered that he be detained pending sentencing, which is set for August 26, 2010. Reed faces a

maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$2,000,000 fine, or both, for each count of trafficking in counterfeit goods.

This case was investigated by Special Agent Lee Robinson, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Robert W. Gillespie, Jr.

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