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STORE OWNER GETS PRISON TIME FOR SELLING COUNTERFEIT MERCHANDISE

Shreveport, La.: Dwight Anthony Reed, 52, of Bossier City, La., owner of a retail store formerly located in Pierre Bossier Mall in Bossier City, La., was sentenced to 48 months in federal prison for trafficking in counterfeit goods, United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today. Reed was also sentenced to 3 years supervised release following the completion of his prison sentence.

Reed was convicted by a federal jury in May 2010 for 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 malls in Longview and Texarkana. Over 1,000 counterfeit trademarked items were presented at trial with an estimated value of over \$81,000.

This case was investigated by Special Agent Lee Robinson, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Robert W. Gillespie, Jr. Sentence was imposed by United States District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.

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