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FORMER OWNER OF COLETRONIC COMPUTER, INC. SENTENCED TO
30 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR TRAFFICKING IN COUNTERFEIT
CISCO SYSTEMS PRODUCTS

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and MARK J. MERSHON, the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), announced that CHARLES LACY-THOMPSON -- the former owner of Coletronic, Computer, Inc. ("Coletronic") -- was sentenced today to 30 months in prison for trafficking in counterfeit Cisco Systems, Inc. ("Cisco") products. The sentence was imposed in White Plains federal court by United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON, who also ordered LACY-THOMPSON to pay \$2.2 million in forfeiture and restitution.

LACY-THOMPSON, who was originally indicted on October 24, 2007, pleaded guilty to the charges on April 30, 2008. According to the Indictment, other documents filed in this case, and statements made in court:

From 2003 to 2007, LACY-THOMPSON engaged in a scheme to transport computer equipment and packaging bearing counterfeit Cisco marks. Specifically, LACY-THOMPSON imported generic items from China that resembled Cisco transceivers (which are used to transmit and receive data across networks), as well as packages of white stickers bearing the model number of Cisco transceivers. LACY-THOMPSON and others would then market and sell the generic computer equipment as Cisco products to customers in the United States and Europe through his company, Coletronic, which was located in Ossining, New York.

In accordance with the plea agreement he entered into with the Government, LACY-THOMPSON, 52, of Briarcliff Manor, New York, has agreed to forfeit \$2.2 million in cash and property to the United States. LACY-THOMPSON has also made payments in back taxes of over \$972,000 to the IRS and \$211,000 to the State of New York.

Mr. GARCIA praised the work of the FBI in the

investigation of this case.

This prosecution is being handled by the Major Crimes Unit of the United States Attorney's Office. Assistant United States Attorney MARIA E. DOUVAS is in charge of the prosecution.

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