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NEWS RELEASE

Jacques Duplessis was charged today by indictment¹ with engaging in a scheme to sell approximately 6,000 boxes of counterfeit LifeScan One Touch diabetic test strips that he purchased from suppliers in China and England, announced U.S. Attorney Zane David Memeger. The indictment charges Duplessis with mail fraud, trafficking in counterfeit goods, entry of goods into the U.S. through a false statement on a customs form, and making a false statement to a federal agency. According to the indictment, defendant Duplessis was the president and sole shareholder of both America's Premier Supplier Corp. and Royal Global Wholesale Corp., which were both Florida based corporations. Defendant Jacques Duplessis allegedly engaged in a scheme to sell approximately 6,000 boxes of counterfeit LifeScan One Touch diabetic test strips that he purchased from suppliers in China and England to wholesale customers in the United States and Canada, who, in turn, sold those counterfeit products to purchasers in pharmacies and other stores throughout the United States, including in the Philadelphia area. According to the indictment, LifeScan, Inc. (LifeScan), a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson (J&J), is the distributor of One Touch blood glucose test strips. Lifescan and J&J have registered federal trademarks for diabetic test strips including Lifescan, OneTouch, OneTouch Basic, and OneTouch Ultra.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Jacques Duplessis	Boynton Beach, FL	60

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 57 years' imprisonment, a \$3,000,000 fine, three years' supervised release, and a \$500 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the United States Food and Drug Administration Office of Criminal Investigations and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nancy Rue.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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