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SAN ANTONIO WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRAFFICKING OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 53-year-old Tong C. Park of San Antonio has pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy and five counts of trafficking in counterfeit goods. As a result, she faces up to five years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine on the conspiracy count; up to ten years in federal prison and a maximum \$2 Million fine per trafficking count.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge John Primomo yesterday afternoon, Park admitted to selling counterfeit apparel including jerseys and caps that contained Major League Baseball, National Football League and National Basketball Association team logos. She also admitted to selling purses and sunglasses which contained counterfeit Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Ray Ban, Oakley and Gucci labels.

In February, Park was arrested by FBI agents after selling more than 1,000 counterfeit goods to an undercover operative at multiple locations across San Antonio from February 2006 to April 2007. On May 11, 2007, authorities executed a search warrant at three storage facilities used by the defendant and seized in excess of 28,000 counterfeit items. An expert witness, prepared to testify during trial for the government, estimated the retail value of original items would have been in excess of one million dollars.

Park's alleged supplier, co-defendant Seung Seub Lee, age 41, is a fugitive and is believed to be in South Korea after fleeing the United States subsequent to the search warrants being executed. Anyone with information as to Lee's whereabouts is asked to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 210-225-6741.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and San Antonio Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Mark Roomberg is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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