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## **MAN SENTENCED FOR SELLING COUNTERFEIT PURSES AND CREDIT CARD FRAUD**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Marvin R. Hardy, Jr., 36, of Buffalo, N.Y., who was convicted of trafficking in counterfeit goods and access device fraud, was sentenced to time served and one year home incarceration with electronic monitoring by Chief U.S. District Court Judge William M. Skretny. Judge Skretny also ordered Hardy to pay restitution in the amount of \$19,889.69.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie P. Grisanti, who handled the case, stated that Hardy sold purses bearing counterfeit marks of Versace, Burberry, Kate Spade, Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, Prada, Coach, Balenciaga and Coco Chanel at the "The Purse Barn" in West Seneca, N.Y. In addition, the defendant charged \$2,900 on the credit cards of four prior customers for transactions that never occurred.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Christopher M. Piehota, Special Agent In Charge and the West Seneca Police Department, under the direction of Chief Edward Gehen.

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