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TWO WOMEN ARRESTED FOR SELLING COUNTERFEIT DESIGNER MERCHANDISE

BUFFALO, N.Y.- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr., announced today that Robin Landahl, 55, of Lancaster, N.Y., and Tiffani Weld, 31, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., were arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with trafficking in counterfeit goods.

The charge carries a maximum 10 years in prison and a \$2,000,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Fauzia K. Mattingly, who is handling the case, stated that according to the complaint, Landahl and Weld sold quantities of counterfeit goods from a storefront and kiosk located at the Super Flea and Farmer's Market on Walden Avenue in Cheektowaga. The unauthorized merchandise contained labels such as Prada, Chanel, Louis Vuitton, Oakley, and Dolce & Gabbana.

Landahl and Weld appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder, Jr. and were released on their own recognizance.

The Criminal Complaint is the result of an investigation by Special Agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent-in-Charge James Spero.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.