

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : **CRIMINAL NO. 15-_____**
v. : **DATE FILED: September 30, 2015**
LASSANA NIANGHANE, : **VIOLATIONS:**
a/k/a “The Purse Man” : **18 U.S.C. § 2320(a) (trafficking in**
: **counterfeit goods – 1 count)**
: **Notice of forfeiture**
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INFORMATION

COUNT ONE

(Trafficking in Counterfeit Goods)

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

At all times material to this information:

1. Defendant LASSANA NIANGHANE, also known as “the Purse Man,” was a vendor who sold counterfeit womens’ designer purses and counterfeit sneakers, among other items, on the sidewalk near Germantown and Cheltenham Avenues in Philadelphia PA.
2. From in or about September 2011 through in or about June 2014, at Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

**LASSANA NIANGHANE,
a/k/a “the Purse Man,”**

intentionally trafficked and attempted to traffic and aided and abetted the trafficking in approximately \$127,200 worth of goods, specifically womens’ designer purses, sneakers which were counterfeit, and knowingly used on and in connection with such goods counterfeit marks, that is spurious marks identical to and substantially indistinguishable from the shape and imprints found on genuine designer purses and sneakers, which marks were in use and were registered for

those products by those companies on the principal register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the use of which counterfeit marks was likely to cause confusion, to cause mistake and to deceive.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2320(a) and 2.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. As a result of the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2320 as set forth in Count One of this information, defendant

**LASSANA NIANGHANE,
a/k/a “The Purse Man”**

shall forfeit to the United States all property, real or personal, used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part to commit or facilitate the commission of the offense and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the commission of the offense.

2. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$ 127,200, that is, the proceeds of the violations alleged in Count One of this information.

3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of the due diligence;
- b. has been transferred to or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in valued; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2323(b)(2), incorporating Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2323(b)(1).

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