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***Awareness and Knowledge Building Conference on Counterfeit
Household Products and Fake Automotive Parts***
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U.S. Attorney William C. Killian, Eastern District of Tennessee, was featured on a panel discussing counterfeit automotive parts at the *Awareness and Knowledge Building Conference on Counterfeit Household Products and Fake Automotive Parts*, held November 4-6, 2013, in Alicante, Spain. The event was co-hosted by EUROPOL, the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) and supported by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Members of the household goods and automotive sectors, police, customs and other enforcement related institutions from across the EU, and European and international authorities, including the European Commission, OHIM, Europol, OLAF, INTERPOL and the World Customs Organization, came together to raise awareness, build knowledge and discuss efficient ways to tackle the illicit trade of counterfeit goods in both sectors focusing on cross border and inter-agency cooperation.

U.S. Attorney Killian spoke of how intellectual property crimes could easily lead to serious body harm and even death if not for the aggressive action of the law enforcement community and the expertise of their legal partners in the Department of Justice. Killian gained firsthand knowledge of this problem from the prosecution of Dai Zhensong in the Eastern District of Tennessee. Zhensong, a Chinese national, was convicted of marketing counterfeit airbags, worth millions of dollars, in the United States. This case led to prosecutions against others distributing counterfeit airbags in Charlotte, North Carolina and Yakima, Washington. There are also now multiple jurisdictions with pending federal investigations involving counterfeit airbags.



Pictured from left: Paul Rosen, Chief of Staff, U.S. Customs & Immigration Enforcement; The Honorable William C. Killian, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Tennessee; Joe Metallo, Toyota Motor Company, Investigation Team for Western Europe; William(Bill) Ross, Director of Programs for the IPR Coordination Center; Brenda Dickson, Special Agent, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Steve Osbourne, HONDA Assistant Vice President, HONDA Parts and Service Division; Ken Feldman, Ford Motor Company, Global Brand Protection Manager; Peter Stiefel Daimler, Head of Global Brand Protection; and, Robert Sterner, Audi AG, Head of Brand Protection