

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



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SCDA PRESS ADVISORY FOR THURSDAY, March 28, 2013

NEWS CONFERENCE START TIME: 12 NOON

WHERE: Hauppauge office of the Suffolk County District Attorney, Building #77, North County Complex, Veterans Memorial Highway & Old Willet's Path.

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Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota will announce at a news conference today, Thursday, March 28, at noon in his Hauppauge office the arrests and indictment of five people and the seizure of truckloads of counterfeit handbags and other merchandise following the dismantling of an international trademark counterfeiting organization. Agents from Homeland Security Investigation who assisted in the investigation will also attend.

Handbags, pocketbooks, apparel, sunglasses and other knockoffs tracked by Suffolk DA investigators to storage facilities in Queens bore the trademark brands of North Face, Uggs, Coach, Louis Vuitton, Tory Burch, Michael Kors, Oakley, Nike, Kate Spade, Prada, Tiffany and other high profile manufacturers. "Every item imported by these defendants was counterfeit," said DA Spota. "They arranged and supervised shipments of cheap knock offs while using the labels, logos and signature look of successful manufacturers and designers in the fashion industry."

The investigation revealed a sophisticated scheme for importing from plants in China vast amounts of counterfeit goods for storage in Queens warehouses and distributed to resellers who sold the fakes, not only in the metropolitan area, but throughout the US including Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Georgia and California.

EXHIBITS at the news conference will include:

- Counterfeit handbags, boots, jackets, pocketbooks, sunglasses, jewelry and other merchandise,
- Boxes of logos, name tags, UPC symbols and plastic handbags shipped in pieces for eventual assembly into trademark counterfeit merchandise,
- The machinery and plates used to make and attach fake logos and tags to the merchandise,
- Counterfeit tags in plain black material pouches and decals concealed in foam pillows,
- Valuable jade and other jewelry purchased by the defendants to launder illegal profits from their criminal enterprise.

Four of the five defendants are incarcerated in lieu of bail in the Suffolk County jail facing indictments charging them (except defendant Regina Ngan) with the class B felony of Enterprise Corruption (NY State's anti-racketeering statute) and multiple counts of trademark counterfeiting, conspiracy and money laundering.

(Key: EC is Enterprise Corruption, TMCF is Trademark Counterfeiting)

The following four defendants reside at 249-20 Cambria Avenue, Little Neck, New York:

Chee Kwan Yim aka Jimmy D.O.B.: 8/27/1970

Indictment charges: EC, TMCF 1st & 2nd, Money Laundering 4th and
Conspiracy 4th

Bail Status: \$100K/500 Bond – Bail Source Hearing Granted

Indictment #2 charges:

Charges: TCMF 2nd and Conspiracy 5th
Bail Status: \$10K/20 Bond – Bail Source Hearing Granted
Next Court Date: May 9, 2013

Chee Kuen Yim aka Janice D.O.B. 9/28/1973

Indict charges: EC, TCMF 2nd, Money Laundering 4th and Conspiracy 4th
Status: 100K bail/500K bond – Bail source hearing granted
Next Court Date: April 9, 2013

Chee Ching Yim aka Steve D.O.B. 8/4/1968

Indictment charges: EC, TCMF 1st & 2nd, and Conspiracy 4th
Bail Status: \$100K/500 Bond – Bail Source Hearing Granted
Next Court Date: May 9, 2013

Regina Ngan aka Tina D.O.B. 9/16/1982

Indictment charges: TCMF 2nd and Conspiracy 5th
Status: 5K cash bail posted
Next Court Date: April 15, 2013

Anthony Moresco D.O.B. 10/11/1949 of 115 Mountain Way, Rutherford, NJ

Indictment charges: EC, TCMF 1st & 2nd, Conspiracy 4th
Bail Status: 100K bail/300K bond – Bail source hearing granted
Next Court Date: April 15, 2013



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