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## Eight Charged in Conspiracy to Traffic Counterfeit and Stolen Goods

PHILADELPHIA—United States Attorney Michael L. Levy, together with Special Agent-in-Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Janice K. Fedarcyk, Special Agent-in-Charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement John P. Kelleghan, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Internal Revenue Service Don Fort, and Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, today announced the unsealing of a 33-count indictment charging Sadek Mohamad Koumaiha, Mohamad Kassem Sibai, Hassan Mahmoud Koumaiha, Ali-Ibrahim El Sayed Abdallah, Mohamad Majed, Bilal Hussein Hamden, a/k/a "Billy," Shady Anis Ghadban, a/k/a "Danny,"and Ali Kassem El-Sibai with multiple counts of conspiracy, trafficking-in stolen goods, trafficking-in counterfeit goods, false statements to government officials, and conducting an illegal money transmitting business.

According to the indictment, Sadek and Hassan Koumaiha, Mohamad Kassem Sibai, Ali-Ibrahim El Sayed Abdallah, and Majed purchased stolen merchandise, including Sony PlayStation 2 systems, laptop computers, and cellular telephones, purportedly worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, from an undercover law enforcement officer. The indictment further alleges that defendants Sibai, the Koumaihas, and Shady Anis Ghadban, purchased thousands of dollars worth of counterfeit goods, namely Nike shoes and a variety of brands of cellular telephones, from an undercover law enforcement officer.

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