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**ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES COUNTERFEIT CYCLING GEAR
SEIZED**

Four Individuals Indicted

DENVER — Colorado Attorney General John Suthers announced that four individuals were recently indicted for computer crime, filing false tax returns and trademark counterfeiting for selling counterfeit cycling jerseys and bicycle components on the internet. Counterfeit items seized from the main target's apartment have an estimated industry manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) value of \$285,306.00.

According to the indictment, Piotr Abramczyk (29 years), Pawel Abramczyk (34 years), and Donatas Juodzevicius (32 years) opened eBay accounts that were used to facilitate the unlawful sale of counterfeit merchandise. Records show sales of more than \$200,000.00 between 2008 and 2012. Piotr and Pawel Abramczyk are brothers. Sally Sogue (28 years) is married to Piotr Abramczyk, and was indicted for filing false tax returns.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) led the investigation, and worked in cooperation with the Colorado Attorney General's Office and the Colorado Department of Revenue. Significant assistance was also provided by Specialized Bicycles Brand Security and eBay.

"Our Homeland Security Investigations counterfeit and cyber enforcement operations play an important role in protecting U.S. trademarks, especially when we team up with other agencies," said Kumar C. Kibble, special agent in charge of HIS Denver. "Enforcing U.S. trademarks helps protect U.S. jobs while also protecting consumers from inferior merchandise."

Selling counterfeit merchandise is a crime that has significant public safety consequences, and causes economic losses in the form of lost jobs and lost income to legitimate companies.

The filing of criminal charges or an indictment is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime. Each defendant should be presumed innocent until proven guilty. These cases will be prosecuted in Denver District Court by the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

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