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Four Charged in Counterfeit Denver Broncos Merchandise Scheme

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Wednesday that four men have been charged with racketeering, money laundering and conspiracy in the illegal sales of counterfeit Denver Broncos NFL sports merchandise at the Mile High Flea Market in Commerce City.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Economic Crime Unit of the District Attorney's Office conducted a joint investigation into the illegal sales after the operation became known in 2014.

The charges allege that Marc Alan Misko (DOB 04/09/54), Mitchell Jay Misko (DOB 04/09/54), David Brian Henrichsen (DOB 03/22/65) and Glenn Ford (DOB 09/10/52) operated a business selling counterfeit sports merchandise at the Mile High Flea Market from November 14, 2006 to January 10, 2015. The merchandise was falsely marked and identified as official merchandise for the Denver Broncos and other Denver professional and college teams as well as teams based in other cities throughout the country.

"These significant criminal charges are recognition of the successful criminal investigation conducted by Homeland Security Investigations special agents," said David A. Thompson, special agent in charge of HSI in Denver. "This investigation uncovered hundreds of thousands of dollars in money wired to China to finance these counterfeit products and more than 20 shell companies furthering this illegal activity. Not only do these counterfeiting organizations produce inferior merchandise, which is sometimes dangerous, these counterfeits also hurt legitimate businesses in the United States, which can hinder job growth and support criminal organizations around the world."

Department of Homeland Security agents seized \$68,000 in counterfeit NFL merchandise from the Miskos' booth at the flea market on January 10, 2015. The charges allege that the operation purchased more than \$868,000 in counterfeit merchandise from China beginning in 2006 to late 2014 for sale in the Denver area.

All four defendants are charged with operating a criminal enterprise of trademark counterfeiting in violation of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA). The charges allege

hundreds of acts of money laundering, conspiracy and solicitation to commit money laundering dating back to November 2006.

Marc Misko, of Westminster, is charged with one count of violation of COCCA (F2), two counts of money laundering (F3), conspiracy to commit money laundering (F4), one count of solicitation to commit money laundering (F4) and two counts of computer crime (F3).

Mitchell Misko, of Westminster, is charged with one count of violation of COCCA (F2) and two counts of money laundering (F3).

Henrichsen, of Wheat Ridge, is charged with one count of violation of COCCA (F2), two counts of money laundering (F3), one count of solicitation to commit money laundering (F4) and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering (F4).

Ford, of Denver, is charged with one count of violation of COCCA (F2) and four counts of money laundering (F3).

Marc Misko, Mitchell Misko and Ford turned themselves in to the Northglenn Police Department and are set for return on bond at 1:30 p.m. August 17 in Division E of Adams County District Court. Henrichsen turned himself in to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and is set for return on bond at 8:30 a.m. on September 6 in Division E. All were released on \$20,000 bond.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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