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**Man Pleads Guilty to Selling
Counterfeit Designer Goods**

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United States Attorney Marty J. Jackley announced that James Van Ampting, age 28, of Sioux Falls, appeared before US Magistrate Judge John E. Simko on August 22, 2008, and pled guilty to an information that charged him with trafficking in stolen goods. The maximum penalty upon conviction is ten years in prison and/or a \$2 million fine, plus restitution. From approximately February 1, 2007, to April 12, 2007, Van Ampting sold counterfeit designer merchandise over the Internet to buyers who believed they were ordering genuine items. The merchandise included Nike shoes, Lacoste shirts, and Oakley sunglasses. The investigation was conducted by the Department of Homeland Security - Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the case is being prosecuted by Assistant US Attorney

Kevin Koliner. A presentence investigation was ordered and a sentencing date will be set. The defendant was released on conditions pending sentencing.

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