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FLORENCE MAN SENTENCED FOR TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT

BIRMINGHAM, AL - DENNIS OAKLEY, 53, owner of two stores known as “The Purse Guy” was sentenced today in United States District Court by Judge L. Scott Coogler to 24 months in prison and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount \$136,089.00 to Chanel, Louis Vuitton, and Coach.

OAKLEY was indicted in March 2007 and plead guilty to three counts of Trademark Infringement in July 2007. OAKLEY continued to sell trademarked goods and was again indicted in February of 2008 on separate charges. He plead guilty April 30, 2008 to three counts of Trademark Infringement and one count of Committing Offense while on Release.

"Oakley did not learn from his first prosecution. Prison will help reinforce our message that selling counterfeit trademarked handbags devalues the brand reputation of these luxury goods manufacturers and federal authorities will protect their trademarks," states United States Attorney Alice H. Martin.

The investigation of this matter was conducted by the U.S. Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Angela R. Debro prosecuted this matter on behalf of the United States.

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