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William J. Edwards, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, today announced that Bernard Codjoe was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release for trafficking in 2,880 pairs of Nike and APE athletic shoes valued at approximately \$199,000.00. The shoes bore counterfeited copies of marks that were registered by Nike and APE with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Codjoe imported the athletic shoes from China during August and September of 2005.

The government's case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda H. Barr, following an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Cleveland, Ohio.

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