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FATHER AND SON SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING COUNTERFEIT "FAT ALBERT" CLOTHING

Atlanta, GA - STEVE KIM, 39, of Duluth, Georgia, MUZA KIM, 68, of Duluth, Georgia, and their company "STAR GRAPHICS, Inc.," were sentenced today by United States District Judge Orinda Evans on charges of manufacturing counterfeit clothing.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "Manufacturers of counterfeit clothing are robbing legitimate businesses of the value of their work and creativity. Individuals and companies invest time, resources, and inventiveness to create recognizable brands. The character in this case is protected by the copyright laws of the United States, which were enacted to protect such intellectual property."

STEVE KIM was sentenced to 2 years in federal prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. MUZA KIM was sentenced to 1 year and 2 months of incarceration, with includes 6 months of home confinement to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and ordered to pay the cost of the home confinement. Their company was sentenced to 5 years of probation and ordered to pay a special assessment of \$400. Both STEVE KIM and MUZA KIM were convicted of these charges on July 13, 2007 by a federal jury after a week-long trial.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, the evidence at trial, and the information presented in court: STEVE KIM and MUZA KIM operated a clothing business known as Star Graphics, also doing business as "EDS, USA, Inc.," located at 2381 John Glenn Drive, Suite 105, in Doraville, Georgia. The business manufactured counterfeit clothing items including sweatshirts, sweaters, and other items with the image of the cartoon character "Fat Albert." During the trial, witnesses HE SOOK KOO and YOUNG DAE KOO testified that they received the counterfeit clothing from MUZA KIM, and they then sold the clothing at their store "Big Time Trading," also in Atlanta. HE SOOK KOO and YOUNG DAE KOO both pleaded guilty and were sentenced in a related case.

ICE searched the office and storage space of Star Graphics and found 645 pieces of counterfeit apparel, containing the image of Fat Albert, either made or in the process of

being made. According to a company representative for “FUBU Platinum” which holds the licensed rights to a specific clothing application of the image of “Fat Albert,” the clothing seized by ICE had a total retail value of \$102,025.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Assistant United States Attorney Susan Coppedge prosecuted the case.

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