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**THREE CHARGED IN COUNTERFEIT TOY SCHEME**

*\$300,000 to \$500,000 in Counterfeit Toys Seized*

Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown today announced the arrest of three individuals at a Flushing, Queens, warehouse for their alleged involvement in the illegal distribution of trademark counterfeited toys with an estimated retail value of between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

District Attorney Brown said, "The defendants are accused of not running some small mom-and-pop operation but, rather, a well-organized business that catered to retailers throughout the metropolitan area. Such trademark counterfeiting defrauds the toy industry of millions of dollars in worldwide revenue and rips off honest consumers who purchase these fake and typically shoddily-made toys. In addition, such piracy deprives the City and State of much needed tax revenue. My office will continue to work to close down these illegal operations and prosecute those involved to the full extent of the law."

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Ying Jiang, 38, of 19-17 144<sup>th</sup> Street in Whitestone, Queens, and her employees, Deqiang Luo, 49, of 144-15 22<sup>nd</sup> Road in Whitestone, Queens, and Haiwei Chen, 54, of 33-37 Prince Street in Flushing, Queens. The three defendants were arraigned on June 21, 2012, before Queens Criminal Court Judge Deborah Stevens Modica on a criminal complaint charging each of them with first-degree trademark counterfeiting, a Class C felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Luo and Chen were released on their own recognizance and bail was set at \$5,000 for Jiang. They were ordered to return to court on July 10, 2012.

District Attorney Brown said that a court-authorized search warrant drafted by his Economic Crimes Bureau was executed on June 20, 2012, at J & L Trading's warehouse, located at 15-17 132<sup>nd</sup> Street in the Flushing section of Queens. The warehouse, which measures approximately forty feet by one hundred feet, was allegedly stocked to capacity, floor to ceiling, with cardboard boxes – the vast majority allegedly containing toys bearing the trademarks of Rovio Entertainment Ltd., the creator of the Angry Bird franchise, Disney Enterprises, Inc., and others.

The District Attorney said that, according to the criminal charges, on the morning of March 28, 2012, an investigator from Allegiance Protection Group, Inc., a private investigation and security firm, went to J & L Trading's warehouse, which is accessible via a loading dock or a connecting showroom, and observed numerous toys bearing trademarks of Rovio, Disney and others on display shelves in open cardboard boxes, as well as knapsacks and other toys bearing trademarks. While there, the investigator is alleged to have met employee Deqiang Luo, who gave him a business card

for his employer, Ying Jiang, who showed up later and identified herself as “Fan Liu.”

The complaint additionally alleges that the Allegiance investigator returned to the warehouse just after midnight on April 6, 2012, and said he wanted to make a purchase. Allegedly told by defendant Jiang that he was required to purchase at least six of each item, the investigator selected six knapsacks, twelve watches, six umbrellas, twelve pencil cases, twelve caps, eighteen toy cars, twelve action figures, six toy laptops and six toy guns, which Jiang told him would cost \$365. The investigator then allegedly gave Jiang \$365 in exchange for the selected items.

It is further alleged that on the afternoon of June 11, 2012, the Allegiance investigator returned to the J & L warehouse for a prearranged meeting with Jiang to make additional purchases of Rovio and Disney Toys. This time it is alleged that he selected six toy guns, four angry bird toys, six train sets, six radio-controlled cars, twelve toy laptops, six action figures, six knapsacks and six yo-yos, which defendant Luo told him would cost \$222. The investigator then allegedly gave Luo \$220 in exchange for the selected items.

Finally, it is alleged that the investigator telephonically contacted Jiang on June 20, 2012, and arranged to meet her that day at the warehouse. When Jiang was observed entering the warehouse, detectives assigned to the District Attorney’s NYPD Squad executed the search warrant. It is alleged that merchandise seized during the execution of the warrant, as well as the items purchased on the previous visits, all bore counterfeit registered and active trademarks of Rovio and Disney. It is additionally alleged that many of the products were not products sold by either company or their licensees, and that many of the products were packaged in inferior materials.

The investigation was conducted by Detective James Monaco of the NYPD’s Queens District Attorney’s Squad under the supervision of Sergeant Francis Teran, Lieutenant Keith Gallagher and Captain John M. Zanfardino, and the overall supervision of Chief Louis M. Croce, Jr. and Chief of Detectives Phil T. Pulaski.

Assistant District Attorney Morgan A. Goulet, of the District Attorney’s Economic Crimes Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Gregory C. Pavlides, Bureau Chief, and Christina Hanophy, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

It should be noted that criminal charges are merely an accusation and that defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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