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## **CORONA MOTHER AND SON CHARGED WITH POSSESSING COUNTERFEIT ITEMS FOR SALE**

**RIVERSIDE** – Rolex. Gucci. Louis Vuitton. Michael Kors.

Those are just some of the high-end designer brands whose merchandise was reportedly being sold by a Corona mother and her son. However, an investigation by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and Investigative Consultants, a private company that specializes in piracy and trademark violations, revealed the goods to be counterfeit.

The woman and her son have been charged with possessing counterfeit goods for sale after investigators with the Riverside County District Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit seized merchandise from their home while serving a search warrant that would have an actual retail value of more than \$350,000. The street value of the seized items was about \$6,600.

Hana Gusbi, DOB: 1-16-69; and her son, Rawad Turki, DOB: 7-10-99, were arraigned today, March 9, 2018, at the Hall of Justice in Riverside. They both entered pleas of not guilty to all counts and their next court date is April 10, 2018, for a felony settlement conference.

Both defendants are charged with 11 counts each of possessing for sale more than 1,000 counterfeit articles trademarked by 11 different companies. The counterfeit items seized were being sold as being from Rolex, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Michael Kors, Chanel, Cartier, Christian Dior, Van Cleef, Hermes, Fendi, and Prada.

Numerous companies contract Investigative Consultants to locate and investigate possible trademark violations on their behalf. In December 2017, an investigator with Investigative Consultants found that potentially counterfeit items were being sold through an online site used for advertising and selling merchandise. The investigator was able to purchase items determined to be counterfeit and notified DA's Office investigators.

The case, RIF1800937, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Heather Ferris of the DA's Consumer Protection Team.

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