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PRESS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney G.F. Peterman, III, Middle District of Georgia, Albany Division, announced the return of a guilty verdict after a three-day trial in the criminal case of United States v. Andrew Wright. The charges from this case stem from Wright's importation and subsequent sale of grey market motorcycles into the United States under false pretenses. The grey market motorcycles did not meet the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Emission Standards. The importations occurred in 1999 and 2000. The verdict is as follows:

Count One - 18 U.S.C. § 545 - Andrew Wright was convicted of Smuggling two Motorcycles. (Maximum sentence not more than 5 years imprisonment.)

Count Two, Count Three, Count Five and Count Six - 18 U.S.C. § 1341 - Andrew Wright was convicted of Mail Fraud. (Maximum sentence not more than 20 years imprisonment per count.)

Count Four and Count Seven - 18 U.S.C. § 1343 - Andrew Wright was convicted of Wire Fraud. (Maximum sentence not more than 20 years imprisonment per count.)

Count Eight and Count Nine - 18 U.S.C. § 1001 - Andrew Wright was convicted of False Statements. (Maximum sentence not more than 5 years imprisonment per count.)

Defendant Wright was immediately taken into custody following a motion by the government. Sentencing is expected in approximately two months, with the exact date to be determined by the court.

This case was investigated jointly by Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigrations & Customs Enforcement, the DOT - Office of Inspector General, the EPA - Office of Inspector General, with assistance from the DHS Customs and Border Patrol, the DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Crane. Question for AUSA Crane concerning this case should be directed to Sue McKinney, Public Affairs Specialist, United States Attorney's Office, at (478) 621-2602.

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