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TIME: 6:40 p.m.

LOCATION: Carpenter Road Superette
1066 E. Carpenter Rd

During the month of December while enforcing the State of Michigan Liquor Laws, the Vice Unit of the Flint Police Department observed hundreds of pairs of NIKE Tennis shoes in the store room of the Carpenter Road Superette Market. In the following weeks the Special Operations Bureau enlisted the support of Recon Management Group, LLC, Bingham Farms, Michigan. This investigative unit handles copyright infringements for the Motion Picture Association of America and Copyright marks fraud for NIKE.

On January 20th, 2008 at 6:40 p.m., following earlier verification of the fraudulent NIKE shoes and an undercover purchase of these shoes, a team from the Flint Police Department's Vice Unit entered the store. The experts contacted NIKE verifying that the 247 pair of shoes were in fact frauds. The owner of the store a Mt. Morris resident was present and arrested on felony charges related to the investigation and the store was further cited for Michigan Liquor Law violations. The two employees of the store had outstanding misdemeanor warrants and were also arrested. Approximately \$22,000 worth of evidence was seized from the store.

On January 1st, 2008, with evidence gained from the City of Flint investigations, Recon Management and the Detroit area Police Departments execute search warrants in the Detroit area on warehouses believed to be the source of these fraudulent NIKE shoes. Recon Management is the group that assisted both the Bay City and City of Saginaw Police Departments in similar investigations in 2007.

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