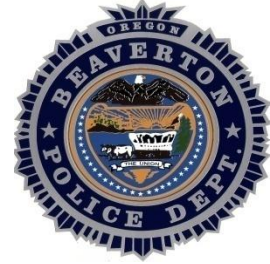


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Beaverton Police Chief Marks Partnership with FBI at LA Press Conference

During August 2008, the Beaverton Police Department began a cooperative effort with the FBI Portland Office to enforce Intellectual Property Rights Laws.

The enforcement efforts focused on sources and suppliers of counterfeit merchandise.

In September 2008, a search warrant was served on a major supplier of counterfeit merchandise in the Portland metro area. That search warrant resulted in the seizure of counterfeit merchandise and the development of valuable investigative information.

Investigators in Oregon then formed a partnership with investigators from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Investigative Consultants to target sources and suppliers of counterfeit merchandise in Oregon and California.

On Wednesday, November 18, 2009, this cooperative effort resulted in search warrants being served in locations throughout the Los Angeles County area resulting in numerous arrests and the seizure of more than 18 million dollars in counterfeit merchandise.

The Beaverton Police Department has received investigative assistance from many law enforcement agencies, including the Oregon Department of Justice and private organizations such as NIKE and adidas.

"I'd like to commend the police department for their good work in helping to crack this multi-state case. Their work has greatly benefited many in our city and state and led to more than 60 arrests as well as product seizures in Los Angeles County," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "We have an incredibly talented team of professionals and, thanks to their efforts, Beaverton is one of the safest places to live in the region."

For additional information on the press conference or investigations in Los Angeles, California please contact Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department PIO Stephen Whitmore at 323-267-4805.

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