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Four men arrested for possession of counterfeit mobile phones for trade

Four men, aged between 30 and 41, have been arrested following a 14-hour operation for their suspected involvement in the possession of counterfeit mobile phones for the purpose of trade.

On 12 October 2017, Singapore Customs received a tip-off regarding the importation of counterfeit mobile phones. That night, Singapore Customs officers intercepted six consignments from Hong Kong consisting of 180 mobile phones at the Airport Logistics Park of Singapore and referred the case to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

On 13 October 2017, CID officers mounted an island-wide operation to raid a warehouse and office in Ubi, as well as residential units in Pasir Ris, Toa Payoh, Hougang and Bright Hill. Four men were arrested during the operation and a total of 288 counterfeit mobile phones worth S\$288,000 were seized.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the men are believed to be involved in a syndicate which distributes counterfeit mobile phones. Investigations are ongoing.

The authorities take a serious view of intellectual property right (IPR) infringements and will not hesitate to take action against perpetrators who show blatant disregard for our IPR laws.

Anyone found guilty of selling or distributing goods with falsely applied trademark, shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, or to both.

Case Exhibits Seized



(Photo: Singapore Customs)



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