

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

<p>To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</p> <hr/> <p>From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</p> <hr/> <p>Date: 31 December 1997</p> <hr/> <p>Ref: DA/SP</p>	<p>Subject:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COUNTERFEIT CLOTHING - RESULT OF PROSECUTION</p>
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PROPOSED DECISION :

To note the report.

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Officers of the Special Projects Unit of the Environmental Services Department of North Lanarkshire Council, working in liaison with officers of Wishaw Police Office carried out an operation at Spook Erections street market, Wishaw on Saturday 22nd June 1996 to establish if counterfeit designer garments were being offered for sale.

One stall holder, Rajinder Singh was found to have a total of 151 such garments in his possession.

A report on the matter was submitted to the Procurator Fiscal and subsequently a plea of not guilty to a charge under Section 1 (1)(b) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 was entered.

The resulting trial took place at Hamilton Sheriff Court on 12th November 1997.

No evidence was led by the defence to refute the expert opinion obtained by the Special Projects Unit. Instead they attempted to rely on the claim that the trader would have informed potential customers that the goods were not genuine.

Mr Singh, who was a first offender, was fined £100 and the garments which the officers seized were forfeited.

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