

NJ raid nets phony Jordache labels, tags; three arrests

NEW YORK — About 160,000 counterfeit Jordache labels and hang tags have been seized and three men arrested as the result of a raid on a North Bergen trimmings factory by the Hudson County (New Jersey) prosecutor's office. The office was working with a private investigator employed by Jordache Enterprises.

Arrested and charged with conspiracy and criminal simulation were Harold Zuckerman, 34, of Cliffside Park, N.J.; his brother, Steven, 24, of Ft. Lee, N.J.; and Aldo Velasquez, 44, of North Bergen, according to Richard Denes, assistant Hudson County prosecutor. The three men were arraigned and released on their own recognizance. The Zuckermans are the sons of Irwin Zuckerman, a principal of Gibs Industries, 25-23 Kennedy Blvd., North Bergen, where the arrests took place.

Denes said his office received a tip from a private investigator working for Jordache that counterfeit labels could be obtained through an individual at Gibs Industries. The private investigator and an agent from the prosecutor's office, posing as potential buyers of labels, visited Gibs and confirmed the bogus tags were available, Denes added.

Denes said agents from the prosecutor's office returned Thursday with a search warrant and made the seizure and arrests.

Contacted Monday at Gibs Industries, Harold Zuckerman said the "raid was a mistake that will be cleared up in a few days" and that Velasquez was not an employee of his firm.

Corporate officers at Jordache were unavailable for comment.