

## **Motorcycle Importer Sentenced for Smuggling**

On August 17, 2006, Andrew Wright was sentenced in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Valdosta Division, to 27 months in prison, followed by 36 months probation, and was ordered to pay \$20,675 in restitution and a \$900 special assessment. The sentence stems from charges that Wright imported and sold grey market motorcycles into the United States under false pretenses. The grey market motorcycles did not meet the Department of Transportation Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards or EPA Emission Standards.

In March 2006, Wright was found guilty during a 3-day trial of smuggling grey market motorcycles into the United States, making false statements to the Government by falsely reporting the motorcycles would not be used on the road, mail fraud for mailing certification labels that fraudulently represented the motorcycles as meeting Department of Transportation and EPA standards, and wire fraud for receiving payment by wire for two motorcycles he fraudulently represented to his customers could be used on the public roads.

*This investigation was conducted jointly with the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General. We also received assistance from the Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Patrol, the Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality. (Case Cost: \$175,768)*