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CEO of Dozens of Companies and Entities Charged in Scheme to Traffic an Estimated \$1 Billion in Fraudulent and Counterfeit Cisco Networking Equipment

A federal grand jury in the District of New Jersey returned an indictment yesterday charging a resident of Florida with running a massive operation over many years to traffic in fraudulent and counterfeit Cisco networking equipment with an estimated retail value of over \$1 billion.

According to the indictment, Onur Aksoy, aka Ron Aksoy, aka Dave Durden, 38, of Miami, allegedly ran at least 19 companies formed in New Jersey and Florida as well as at least 15 Amazon storefronts, at least 10 eBay storefronts, and multiple other entities (collectively, the “Pro Network Entities”) that imported tens of thousands of fraudulent and counterfeit Cisco networking devices from China and Hong Kong and resold them to customers in the United States and overseas, falsely representing the products as new and genuine. The operation allegedly generated over \$100 million in revenue, and Aksoy received millions of dollars for his personal gain.

According to the indictment, the devices the Pro Network Entities imported from China and Hong Kong were typically older, lower-model products, some of which had been sold or discarded, which Chinese counterfeiters then modified to appear to be genuine versions of new, enhanced, and more expensive Cisco devices. As alleged, the Chinese counterfeiters often added pirated Cisco software and unauthorized, low-quality, or unreliable components – including components to circumvent technological measures added by Cisco to the software to check for software license compliance and to authenticate the hardware. Finally, to make the devices appear new, genuine, high-quality, and factory-sealed by Cisco, the Chinese counterfeiters allegedly added counterfeited Cisco labels, stickers, boxes, documentation, packaging, and other materials.

The fraudulent and counterfeit products sold by the Pro Network Entities suffered from numerous performance, functionality, and safety problems. Often, they would simply fail or otherwise malfunction, causing significant damage to their users’ networks and operations – in some cases, costing users tens of thousands of dollars. Customers of Aksoy’s fraudulent and counterfeit devices included hospitals, schools, government agencies, and the military.

As set forth in the indictment, between 2014 and 2022, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seized approximately 180 shipments of counterfeit Cisco devices being shipped to the Pro Network Entities from China and Hong Kong. In response to some of these seizures, Aksoy allegedly falsely submitted official paperwork to CBP under the alias “Dave Durden,” an identity that he used to communicate with Chinese co-conspirators. To try to avoid CBP scrutiny, Chinese co-conspirators allegedly broke the shipments up into smaller parcels and shipped them on different days, and Aksoy used at least two fake delivery addresses in Ohio. After CBP seized a shipment of counterfeit Cisco products to Aksoy and the Pro Network Entities and sent a seizure notice, Aksoy allegedly often continued to order counterfeit Cisco products from the same supplier.

According to the indictment, between 2014 and 2019, Cisco sent seven letters to Aksoy asking him to cease and desist his trafficking of counterfeit goods. Aksoy allegedly responded to at least two of these letters by causing his attorney to provide Cisco with forged documents. In July 2021, agents executed a search warrant at Aksoy’s warehouse and seized 1,156 counterfeit Cisco devices with a retail value of over \$7 million.

Aksoy is charged with one count of conspiracy to traffic in counterfeit goods and to commit mail and wire fraud; three counts of mail fraud; four counts of wire fraud; and three counts of trafficking in counterfeit goods. Aksoy was charged by a criminal complaint filed in New Jersey on June 29 and was arrested in Miami the same day.

Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Polite, Jr. of the Justice Department's Criminal Division; Attorney for the United States Vikas Khanna of the District of New Jersey; Acting Special Agent in Charge Eddy Wang of the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Los Angeles Field Office; Special Agent in Charge Bryan Denny of the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) Western Field Office; Special Agent in Charge Floyd Martinez of the General Services Administration Office of Inspector General (GSA-OIG), Southeast and Caribbean Division; Special Agent in Charge Peter Tolentino of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), Economic Crimes Field Office; Special Agent in Charge Anthony Salisbury of the HSI Miami Field Office; and Special Agent in Charge Jason Molina of the HSI Newark Field Office made the announcement today.

The CBP Electronics Center of Excellence; the CBP Los Angeles National Targeting and Analysis Center; and the CBP Office of Trade, Regulatory Audit and Agency Advisory Services, Miami Field Office provided valuable assistance.

If you believe you are a victim of Aksoy or the Pro Network Entities, please visit www.justice.gov/largecases or <https://edit.justice.gov/usao-nj/united-states-v-onur-aksoy-pro-network> for more information.

The Pro Network Entities include at least the following:

Pro Network Companies	Approximate Month and Year of Formation	State of Formation
Pro Network LLC	August 2013	New Jersey
Netech Solutions LLC	November 2016	Florida
Target Network Solutions LLC	January 2017	Florida
Easy Network LLC	April 2017	New Jersey
ACE NETUS LLC (aka Ace Network)	April 2017	New Jersey
My Network Dealer LLC	April 2017	New Jersey
1701 Doral LLC	May 2017	New Jersey
Maytech Trading LLC	August 2017	Florida
NFD Trading LLC	September 2017	Florida
Kenet Solutions LLC	September 2017	Florida
Team Tech Global LLC	January 2018	New Jersey
Tenek Trading LLC	January 2018	Florida
The Network Gears LLC	February 2018	Florida
All Networking Solutions LLC (aka All Network)	April 2018	Florida
San Network LLC	October 2018	Florida

Pro Network US Inc.	January 2019	Florida
Jms Tek LLC	August 2019	Florida
Renewed Equipment LLC	August 2021	Florida
Pro Ship US LLC	August 2021	Florida

Pro Network Amazon Storefronts

**Approximate Date of Earliest
Known Activity**

Albus Trade Hub	January 2014
EasyNetworkUS	March 2014
Get Better Trade	July 2015
Mercadeal	February 2017
Netch Solutions	February 2018
Netkco LLC	September 2014
NFD Trading LLC	January 2018
Palm Network Solutions	June 2017
Renewed Equip	August 2017
Servtaur	August 2019
Smart Network	July 2017
SOS Tech Trade	August 2017
Target-Solutions	September 2020
TeamTech Global	March 2016
TradeOrigin US	August 2015

Pro Network eBay Storefronts

**Approximate Date of Earliest
Known Activity**

connectwus	March 2014
futuretechneds	July 2017

getbettertrade	July 2017
getontrade	April 2016
maytechtradingllc	October 2017
netechsolutions	April 2017
netkco	September 2014
nfdtrading	February 2018
smartnetworkusa	January 2014
tenektradingllc	May 2018

HSI, DCIS, GSA-OIG, NCIS, and CBP are investigating the case.

Senior Counsel Matthew A. Lamberti of the Criminal Division's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew M. Trombly and Senior Trial Counsel Barbara Ward of the District of New Jersey are prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an allegation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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