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**MSU anti-counterfeit program and Michigan State Police collaborate on federally-funded intellectual property crime enforcement training**

EAST LANSING, Mich.—MSU’s Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection Program (A-CAPPP), in partnership with the Michigan State Police (MSP), received a \$200,000 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a project that will assist law enforcement agencies in the enforcement of intellectual property violations.

The project will encompass developing and disseminating a set of IP crime and enforcement videos to be used for training and awareness for law enforcement officials nationwide and the general public; and, secondly, creating and delivering IP training curriculum for Michigan law enforcement officials (police, prosecutorial, and justice officials).

“This project offers the unique opportunity to bring together experts in law enforcement, industry, investigative agencies, professional associations and academia to train agencies in identifying, investigating and responding to intellectual property crimes”, said Jeremy Wilson, director of A-CAPPP and MSU’s project principal investigator.

Described as the crime of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, intellectual property rights violations, in particular product counterfeiting, is reportedly high (in the hundreds of billions of dollars annually) and on the rise with detrimental effects on public safety, consumer health and safety, industry in terms of lost revenue and reduced innovation, brand value and reputation, and government and as it relates to loss of tax revenue.

Linking industry, government, academic, and other stakeholders through comprehensive evidence-based research, A-CAPPP and the MSP Training Academy will offer a seasoned, interdisciplinary team with extensive experience in IP crime and police training to develop the videos and deliver the training.

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