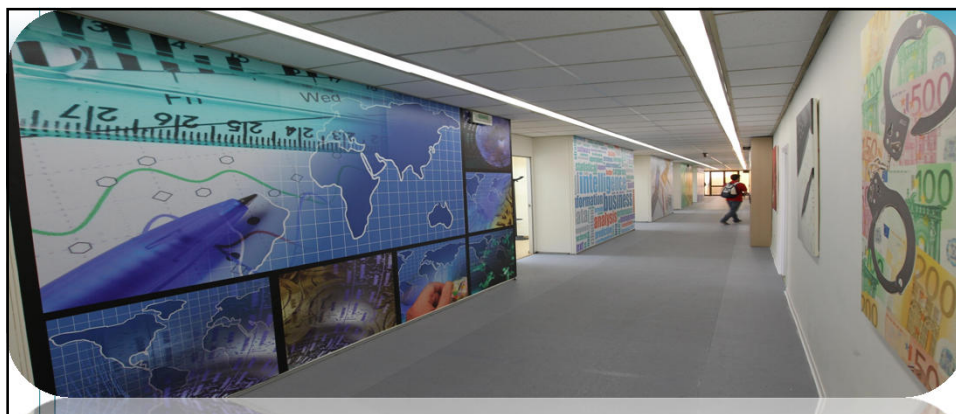
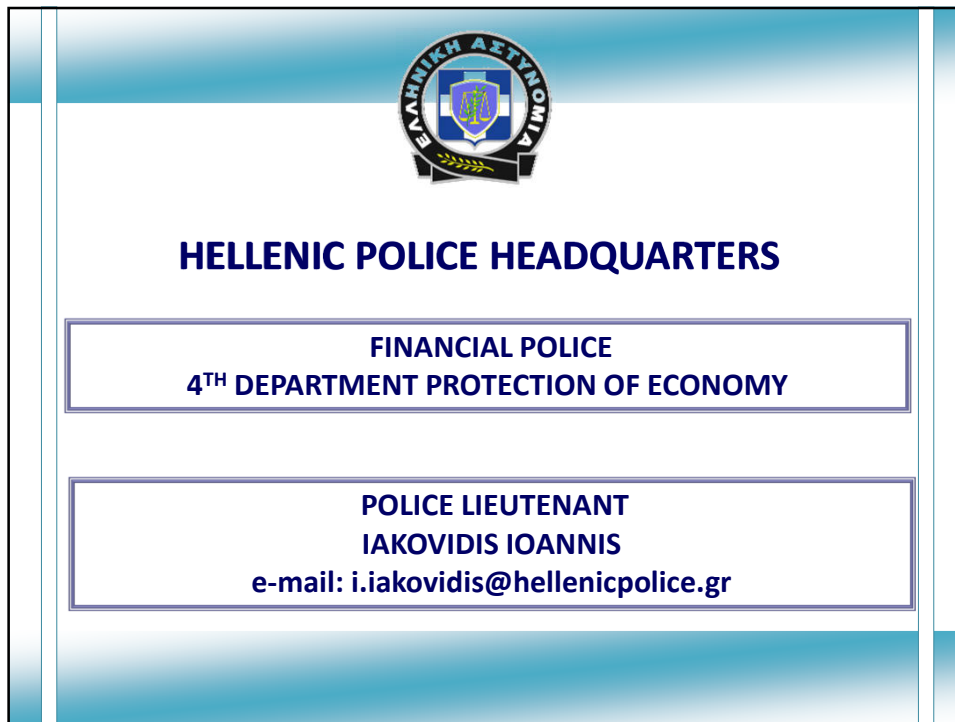




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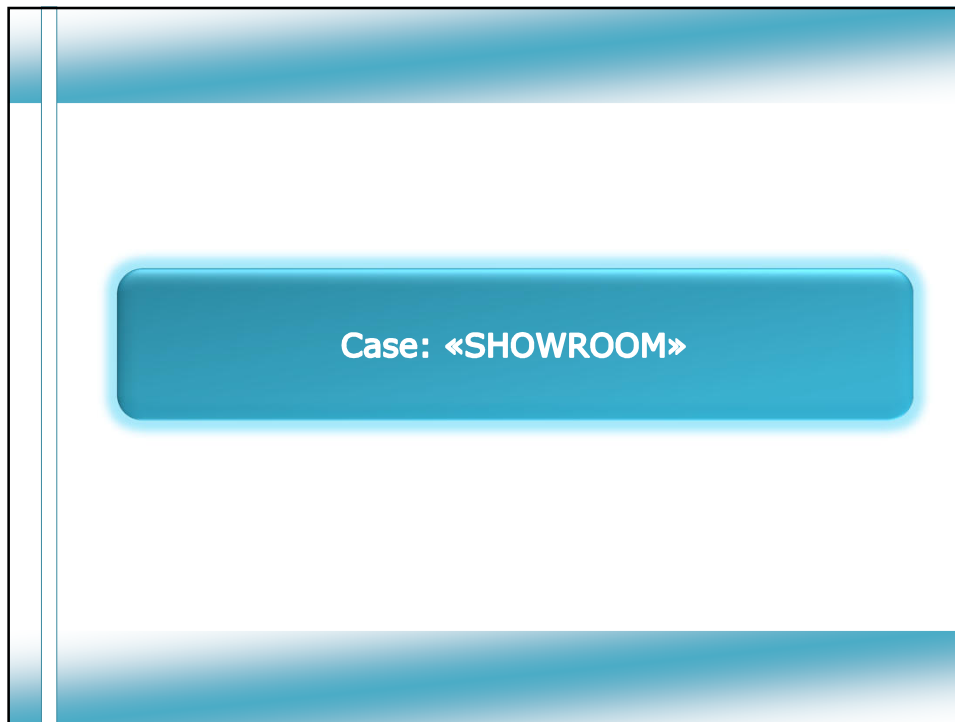
MISSION

- **Financial Crimes**, especially if committed against the financial interests of the State and the national economy in general or showing characteristics of organized crime.
- **Illegal transactions or activities** in credit and other financial institutions.
- **Money Laundering.**
- **Handling counterfeit goods.**
- **Violation of the rules of free market and competition.**
- **Violations in the operation of institutions conducting lucky games (gambling) and casinos.**

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- **Any other financial violations** included in penal code which harm public revenues and cause significant malfunctions to the market in general.

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«SHOWROOM» CASE

A criminal organization gained huge amount of money out of counterfeit goods trading

- This Case started after a complain of the famous fashion company «CHANEL» and a private investigation they did after robberies which took part in the two factories, where they produce the hand bags, located in Firenze and Milano, Italy.
- From these factories, authentication cards of Chanel bags, some original parts of these bags and ready bags where stolen, without having the guarantee approval of the company.
- The organization was making counterfeit bags, including these stolen authentication cards and where found in other countries, especially in USA.
- The company's investigation led to Athens and a company which belongs to a Serbian citizen who was trading clothes and bags through internet.

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- From our investigation and through the courier company which the Serbian was using and from his telephone conversations, we discovered that he was member of an international crime organization and he had contact with an Italian citizen in Pistoia.
- After our cooperation with the Italian Interpol Unit, we were informed that this Italian had contact with another Italian citizen who was accused of the robberies in the two factories in Firenze and Milano.
- The Serbian was receiving counterfeit «Chanel» bags, and other counterfeit products, some of which he was selling here in Greece, and others he was sending to other members of the organization in USA, countries of Middle East (UAE, Qatar) and Hong Kong.
- From the analysis of his bank accounts and the invoices he was sending and receiving, we found out that over 100.000 euro had been credited to his accounts during the last three years.

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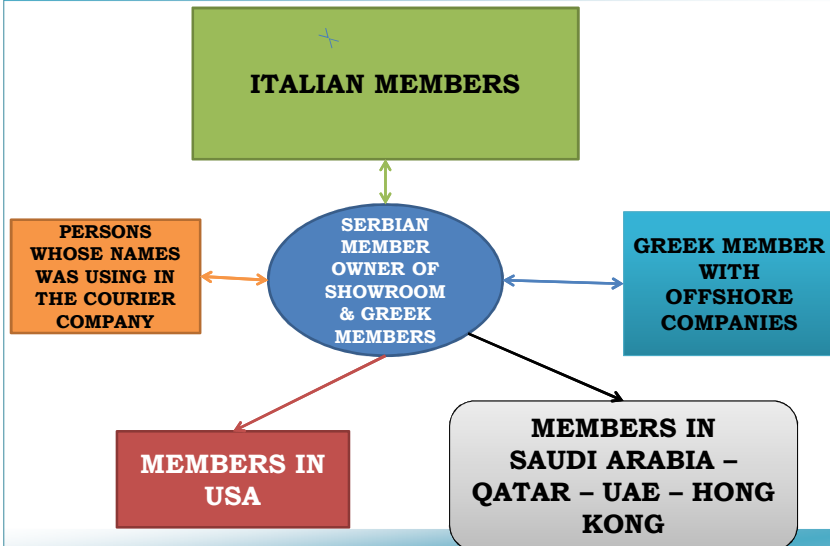
- In his tax declaration he wasn't declaring all the money that came through his accounts, and he was using documentations which he was getting from friends and partners of him, and he was trying to prove that all these bags he was selling were from second hand.
- We also accused a Greek citizen who had offshore companies and the organization was using their accounts in Andorra and Bulgaria, so to become difficult to the authorities to track the invoices.
- On June 2014, after an operation which took part in Athens from our Department, we arrested the Serbian and the Greek, members of the organization and confiscated a big number of counterfeiting products. The Italian members were also accused of the same case, which is now being conducted by the judge.

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