

Ryuichi Ricky Ishitani, Los Angeles Police Department Detective Support and Vice Division

Detective Rick Ishitani have been a Police Officer for the City of Los Angeles for approximately 12½ years. Detective Ishitani is currently a Detective Supervisor assigned to the Detective Support and Vice Division (DSVD) - Anti-Piracy Unit.

Detective Ishitani began investigating vice crimes since March 2000. While serving as a vice investigator, he was responsible for conducting complex investigations involving organized crime, intellectual property crime, prostitution, and bookmaking.

Detective Ishitani has been involved in several hundred intellectual property cases, some of which have led to the arrest and conviction of numerous people for sales and manufacturing of counterfeit trademarks and other violations. He has received over one hundred hours of training from a variety of intellectual property rights owners on the methods of identifying goods bearing counterfeit trademarks. Detective Ishitani's training is updated on an ongoing basis. Detective Ishitani's training has consisted of both classroom type training and field training.

Detective Ishitani is also an instructor at the Los Angeles Police Department's 40-hour Vice School teaching intellectual property investigations. He is currently the resident expert in intellectual property crimes for the Los Angeles Police Department.