

Fitbit employees charged with having stolen trade secrets

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U.S. prosecutors have charged one current and five former employees of San Francisco-based Fitbit, Inc. with possessing trade secrets stolen from rival company Jawbone.

An indictment filed Thursday in federal court in Northern California says the employees received the stolen <u>trade secrets</u> after leaving Jawbone and knew they were not supposed to have them.

Both companies made <u>fitness tracking devices</u> and tussled over patents in court. Jawbone's parent company, AliphCom, Inc., is no longer in business.

A Fitbit spokesman says a judge in a related case found that no Jawbone trade secrets were misappropriated or used in any Fitbit product, feature or technology.

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