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BIRMINGHAM MAN SENTENCED TO FORTY-TWO MONTHS FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

BIRMINGHAM, AL - United States Attorney Alice H. Martin, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge, Carmen S. Adams, and Birmingham Chief of Police, A.C. Roper, announce that DENNIS LLOYD BROWN, 39, of Birmingham, was sentenced today in United States District Court to 42 months in prison for criminal copyright infringement. In addition, Brown has been ordered to pay restitution to the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) in the amount of \$63,750.00.

In March, 2007, the Birmingham Police Department received a report of illegal drugs being sold from a residence. Upon entering the home, they observed a large quantity of video discs, DVD copiers, players, cameras and other equipment related to copying videos. Officers seized 12,750 DVDs containing counterfeited movies, \$1,119.00 in cash, 330 CDs containing counterfeited music, a laptop computer, several towers of DVD burners and camera surveillance equipment. Brown later stated to FBI agents that he obtained counterfeit movies by using his laptop computer to download them from the internet. He then copied and sold the DVDs. Brown was ordered to forfeit all equipment used to illegally reproduce the DVDs.

When someone illegally reproduces a copyrighted DVD, they steal from those individuals who have invested millions of dollars to produce and distribute motion pictures to the public, stated United States Attorney Alice H. Martin.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Birmingham Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney, Lloyd Peeples, on behalf of the U.S. Government.