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## **North St. Paul Man Receives Federal Sentence for Copying Copyrighted Movies**

Minneapolis - A North St. Paul man was sentenced in federal court today to five months of home confinement and two years of probation for copying and selling copyrighted movies. David Joseph Primeau, age 39, appeared before U.S. District Court Judge Donovan W. Frank this morning in Minneapolis to hear his sentence. He had earlier pleaded guilty to one count of criminal copyright infringement and one count of trafficking in counterfeit labels.

The documents in this case indicate that in August of 2006, the St. Paul Police Department executed a search warrant at Primeau's home and seized hundred of copies of copyrighted movies. Primeau later admitted that between August of 2005 and August of 2006, he had rented movies from Blockbuster Video and had used computer equipment to copy those movies onto DVDs. He also admitted manufacturing counterfeit labels for each of the illegal DVDs. According to court documents, Primeau sold the illegal movies for \$4.00 to \$5.00 each, while the retail value of the

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copyrighted movies ranged from \$15.00 to \$20.00 each. Primeau said he sold the movies primarily at St. Paul bars. He also admitted that during the course of this operation, he sold more than \$2,500 worth of copyrighted movies without authorization.

This case was the result of an investigation conducted by the Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force and the St. Paul Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tracy T. Braun.

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