



**United States Attorney's Office District of  
Connecticut  
Press Release**

**July 9, 2008 EAST HARTFORD MAN ADMITS PIRATING MOVIES AND  
TELEVISION SHOWS, SELLING THEM ON EBAY**

Nora R. Dannehy, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that STEVEN T. SINGARELLA, 53, of Raymond Street, East Hartford, waived his right to indictment and pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Janet C. Hall in Bridgeport to one count of criminal copyright infringement.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, between August 2004 and August 2006, using recordable blank DVD discs and/or VHS video cassettes in conjunction with other computer and audio-visual electronic equipment, SINGARELLA illegally copied at least 55 copyrighted movies and television shows, and then advertised and sold the pirated works on eBay.com. SINGARELLA required payment by check or money order and had payments mailed to addresses in East Hartford. SINGARELLA also caused the "feedback" posted on eBay to be hidden, effectively concealing comments from past purchasers indicating the items were pirated or "burned" copies.

SINGARELLA received a total of approximately \$101,162 from the sale of the pirated works during the two-period.

Judge Hall has scheduled sentencing for September 26, 2008, at which time SINGARELLA faces a maximum term of imprisonment of five years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anastasia Enos King.

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