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EAGLE PASS MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR SELLING PIRATED DVDS

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Del Rio this morning, 40-year-old Raul Martinez of Eagle Pass, Texas, was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison and ordered to pay \$190,000 restitution to the Motion Picture Association of America for selling illegally copied DVD movies and games.

“These artists work hard to produce these films and the rewards of their hard work should not be stolen,” stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

According to court records, on June 9, 2007, at a flea market in Eagle Pass, Martinez sold to an individual acting in an undercover capacity illegally copied DVDs of *Norbit*, *Pirates of the Caribbean 3*, *Shrek 3*, *Hostel II*, *Knocked Up* and *Spiderman 3*. Approximately two months later at the same location, Martinez sold to the same individual five illegally copied DVDs including the *Simpsons*, *Are We Done Yet*, *Fracture*, *300* and *Transformers*.

In September 2007, federal authorities recovered more than 10,000 pirated DVDs from the defendant's residence and vehicle. On December 12, 2007, Martinez pleaded guilty to one count of copyright infringement. During this morning's hearing, United States District Judge Alia Ludlum ordered that Martinez self surrender by May 18, 2009, to begin serving his prison term.

This case was investigated by agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the United States Anti-Piracy Operations Division of the Motion Picture Association of America. Assistant United States Attorney Rick Bennett prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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