



**NZFACT**

NEW ZEALAND FEDERATION AGAINST COPYRIGHT THEFT



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## **MAN APPEARS IN COURT FOR OFFERING FOR SALE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

*Suspect Faces up to Ten Years Imprisonment and/or Fines with a  
Maximum of \$50,000 per Offence.*

Auckland: A 28-year-old male appeared in the Hamilton District Court yesterday in connection with four charges under the Copyright Act: of offering and selling movies protected by copyright, 27 charges of possessing objectionable material and one charge of making objectionable material for sale. The objectionable material charges relate to child pornography movies and adult movies of an objectionable nature located in the suspect's possession and being offered for sale on a website he was believed to be managing.

The charges arose from a 27<sup>th</sup> June raid conducted by police officers from the North Hamilton Criminal Investigation Unit supported by investigators from the New Zealand Federation Against Copyright Theft (NZFACT) on a residential unit in Enderley, Hamilton.

The raid, the culmination of an intensive joint investigation involving the Police and NZFACT, resulted in the seizure of optical disc burning equipment and 300 pirated movies including "Rambo IV," "Cloverfield" and "Meet the Spartans." At the time they were purchased, all titles were either showing or yet to be released in New Zealand cinemas.

In the forensic examination of the seized computers, Police have identified a website listing objectionable movies for sale believed to be linked to the defendant. New Zealand Police are conducting further enquiries into the website.

"New Zealanders should pause before buying pirated movies and ask themselves - what other despicable crime might I be supporting by supporting piracy?," said Tony Eaton, Executive Director of NZFACT.

"Pirates are criminals and the criminal mind very often harbours ideas of other unsavoury crimes. This is another reason why NZFACT believes the activities of pirates should be a high priority for the Police and other law enforcement agencies."

### ***Piracy in New Zealand***

A study undertaken by independent research firm LEK Consulting on behalf of the Motion Picture Association (MPA) showed that piracy cost the film industry in New Zealand an estimated 25 percent of the potential market in 2005 – \$70 million. Internet piracy via P2P file-sharing networks is a significant concern and accounts for the majority of New Zealand movie industry losses – an estimated \$33 million in lost consumer spending in 2005. NZFACT represents the MPA in New Zealand.

***About NZFACT:*** *The New Zealand Federation Against Copyright Theft was established in 2005 by the Motion Picture Association to protect the film industry in New Zealand from the adverse impact of copyright theft. NZFACT works closely with its members, government and enforcement authorities to protect the New Zealand film and television industry, retailers and movie fans. NZFACT members include: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures, New Zealand; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Releasing International Corporation; Twentieth Century Fox International Corporation; Universal International Films, Inc.; and Warner Bros. Pictures International, a division of Warner Bros. Pictures Inc.*

*NZFACT works in association with the Motion Picture Association, which represents the interests of the film industry across the world. NZFACT also has an alliance with the Recording Industry Association of New Zealand to share information regarding copyright infringement, and is a member of the recently-formed Anti Counterfeiting Group, which represents the interests of New Zealand's major intellectual property stakeholders, such as the music industry, computer software and publishing. NZFACT has a nationwide hotline that enables the reporting of film copyright theft 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: 0800 267 9744.*

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