

# Humberside Police

## News Release



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### **ARRESTS MADE AFTER COUNTERFEIT GOODS FOUND – HULL**

TWO men have been arrested after the Ford Transit van they were traveling in was stopped on Bricknell Avenue, Hull by police officers as part of an operation to crack down on counterfeit goods.

CD's and DVD's have been seized from the van and are believed to be counterfeit.

A 25-year-old man and a 40-year-old man from Hull have been arrested on suspicion of possessing criminal property. They have been released on police bail pending further enquiries until the December.

They were arrested yesterday afternoon (Sunday)

Officers have also recovered three vans from Walton Street market which contained CD's, DVD's and computer games which are believed to be counterfeit.

The arrests and the goods seized are linked to joint operations being run by Humberside Police, Hull City Council Trading Standards and Mechanical Copyright Protection Society. The operation is aiming to stamp out counterfeiting and music piracy in the Hull area.

Detective Sergeant Mick REED said: "These two arrests are the latest in connection with our ongoing campaign to crackdown on counterfeit goods in Hull.

"The arrests send out a clear message that we will not stand for counterfeit goods to be in circulation.

"We are working with other agencies to tackle the issue"

A spokesperson for the MCPS Anti-Piracy Unit said: 'Buying pirated music costs us all in the long run. Piracy takes money out of the economy – money that could otherwise be spent on improving our communities.

'MCPS would like to praise the professionalism of the Humberside Police during the investigation.'

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Rod Kitching, Head of Trading Standards stated "This recent haul of counterfeit goods associated with Walton Street Market brings the total seized in recent months to well over 40,000 illegal discs.

"Copyright theft will not be tolerated and we will continue to work with other agencies to tackle those criminals involved."

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

About MCPS - The Mechanical-Copyright Protection Society (MCPS) is a not-for-profit organisation that ensures its 17,000 composer, songwriter and music publisher members are paid royalties when the music they have created is recorded; CDs, DVDs, downloads, computer games and everything in between. MCPS works in an operational alliance with PRS – the Performing Right Society (the MCPS-PRS Alliance) - creating a future for music. [www.mcps.co.uk](http://www.mcps.co.uk)

About the MCPS Anti-Piracy Unit - Working alongside UK enforcement agencies, the MCPS Anti-Piracy Unit investigates infringements of MCPS members' copyrights.

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