



Protecting Communities, Targeting Criminals

# News Release

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## JOINT RAID TARGETS FAKES

POLICE Officers and officials from the MCPS Anti-Piracy Unit carried out a dawn raid on a property at Brixham Court in Hull at 0840hrs on 21 February 2008 in relation to the illegal production of counterfeit DVD's and CD's.

One man was arrested at the scene and a search revealed in excess of 10'000 discs along with enough computer equipment and other equipment used for copying discs to fill three van loads.

The suspect was later released on Police bail pending further enquiries.

This is the twelfth person to be arrested during the recent Operations to stamp out counterfeiting in the Hull area.

The MCPS Anti-Piracy Unit (APU) is an organisation that monitors the illegal use of the works of composers and songwriters.

Since November 2007, three men have been convicted and four are currently awaiting trial for counterfeiting and drugs related offences.

Over 60'000 counterfeited discs have been recovered which could potentially lead to a loss of over £0.5 Million in lost revenue to the music, film and gaming industry.

A Humbertside Police Spokesman said: "All of the people responsible for this type of crime are benefit cheats and people who buy the discs are funding their criminal lifestyle."

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."

### Note to Newsdesks

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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**SAFETY DRIVE**  
**CAR CRIME'S HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**

\*Vehicle Crime has fallen by 18.0% on the same period last year (Jan to Sep).  
That's 1,947 less reported incidents.

**CAR CRIME DOWN: 18%\***

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