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FACT COMMENDATIONS AWARDED TO THREE POLICE OFFICERS PECKHAM IS A 'LEADING EXAMPLE IN DEALING WITH FILM PIRACY OFFENCES'

Three police officers from Peckham, South East London, have been awarded FACT Commendations in recognition of exemplary standards in tackling film piracy.

Inspector Dawn Adamson, Sergeant Christopher Ellen and Sergeant Simon Brown were presented with their awards by FACT Director General, Raymond Leinster, at a ceremony at FACT's offices in Middlesex. Also presented was a cheque for £500 to the officers' nominated charity, Demelza House Children's Hospice which aims to provide support to families who have a child with a life limiting condition.

Having been actively involved in pursuing crimes related to DVD piracy within Peckham Borough, the three individuals worked with FACT's local investigator to instigate a training scheme to assist police officers in the identification of counterfeit infringing product and draft statements. The project was supported by the local CPS and the initial outcome has been positive, with one person receiving a six month jail sentence..To date five officers have attended the training and another three from the borough are due to attend soon.

Raymond Leinster, FACT Director General commented, "*The initiative and commitment shown by these officers in Peckham Borough is a leading example in dealing with film piracy offences which are bringing crime and harm to local communities.*"

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Notes to editors:

FACT Commendations

The Federation Against Copyright Theft seeks to acknowledge and recognise individuals or organisations which display exemplary levels of commitment in tackling film piracy. Recent recipients of the Certificate of Commendation and a donation of £500 to a charity of their choice are E Division of Strathclyde Police, UK Patent Office and Perth & Kinross Trading Standards along with Keith Payne (Manager, Kinross Market).

About FACT

The Federation Against Copyright Theft is the UK's leading trade organisation established to protect and represent the interests of the film and broadcasting industry against copyright and trademark infringements. Established in 1983, FACT works closely with statutory law enforcement agencies to combat the growth of pirate DVDs, film and other forms of broadcast material including the increasing threat from online/internet-based piracy. FACT has been accepted as a prosecution authority and engages in criminal prosecutions in its own right.

www.fact-uk.org.uk

About Demelza House

Demelza House is an 8-bedded children's hospice offering children the opportunity to enjoy residential short breaks (with the option of families staying as well) in beautiful Kent countryside. There are currently over 300 families with life-limited children who use these unique facilities.

www.demelzahouse.org