

Press Release

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EIGHT PEOPLE ARRESTED AFTER POLICE SEARCH HOUSE IN GLASGOW

A large quantity of counterfeit DVD's with an estimated value of over £200,000 have been recovered during an operation involving Strathclyde Police and The Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT).

On Thursday 4 December 2008, officers executed a warrant at an address in Cornwall Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow.

As a result six men and two women were arrested and detained in police custody in connection with the recovery.

Detective Inspector Blair Calderwood of Helen Street CID said: "This seizure forms part of Operation League which is a national operation headed by Strathclyde Police targeting serious and organised crime groups involved in this type of activity and other areas of criminality.

"We will continue to target those individuals involved in a bid to curb this type of criminality in Strathclyde and indeed Scotland."

Kieron Sharp, FACT Director General added: "The sale of counterfeit DVDs on the streets of Glasgow has become a major problem over the past couple of years and this intelligence led operation was aimed at those supplying the product.

"Not only is the sale of knock off DVDs illegal in itself but the trade is largely controlled by organised criminal networks for whom this is another way of funding their activities.

"I would like to commend Strathclyde Police for their work on this operation and thank them for their ongoing efforts to tackle this serious criminal activity."

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