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NINE ARRESTED IN NORTHERN IRELAND MARKET RAID

Nine people were arrested after police smashed a counterfeiting racket at a street market in Greysteel, Co Derry, on Sunday morning.

Fake DVDs, CDs, cigarettes and cash were all seized during planned searches by the Police Service of Northern Ireland ('FACT'), assisted by FACT and other anti-piracy bodies. A number of vehicles were also taken in the raid, carried out by police from Limavady and organised crime unit officers.

Jim Angell, FACT Director of Operations added: *"This is another successful example of good cooperation between PSNI and FACT in targeting film pirates operating in Northern Ireland. I would like to thank PSNI for their continued efforts in dealing with piracy and other associated criminality"*

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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.

The maximum penalty for offences of film piracy is 10 years imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine. Proceeds of Crime Act legislation now also enables confiscation of assets and goods obtained through criminal activity.

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