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ROCHDALE DVD FACTORY RAIDED

Police in Heywood, Greater Manchester have raided a pirate DVD factory and arrested a 42 year-old man.

The factory was located in a private house and contained 40 DVD burners, three computers, printers and over 6,000 counterfeit DVDs. In addition, £5,000 in cash was seized from the premises.

The operation was part of an intelligence based operation by Greater Manchester Police, assisted by Rochdale Trading Standards. The man arrested has been bailed to return in September.

The seized equipment and product has been taken by FACT to be examined at its Forensic facility. Due to the sophisticated nature of this operation, FACT will be taking over the prosecution of this case.

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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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