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- **KENT MAN ARRESTED FOR DVD PIRACY**
- **CARAVAN PARK WAS BASE FOR MANUFACTURING**

A partnership effort has led to the arrest of a man on suspicion of producing counterfeit DVD's.

Working with FACT (Federation Against Copyright Theft) the Kent Police Island Neighbourhood Team executed a warrant at a caravan park in Plough Lane, Minster on Friday (29 September). The officers seized 14 DVD burners, a colour printer along with 20 boxes of DVD cases, blank DVDs and a large quantity of DVDs ready for sale.

It is thought that equipment and materials seized are capable of being used to produce over 1,000 illegal DVDs a day.

A 34-year-old local man was arrested on suspicion of producing counterfeit DVD's and he has been bailed to Sittingbourne police station pending further enquiries

Raymond Leinster, FACT Director General, said *"Film piracy across the UK is a crime that is attracting those who wish to pursue a criminal lifestyle and make substantial profits from their illegal activities. We would like to thank Kent Police for their continued endeavours to target those engaged in such activities."*

Sgt Neil Kimber *"We will attempt to promote a feeling of protection to local retailers of the Isle of Sheppey. The illegal sales of counterfeit goods have financial implications for those who are trying to make an honest living. People engaged in these counterfeiting offences quite often do not realise that all the offences carry a sentence of 10 years imprisonment."*

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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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