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Uberlândia Police Officers Suspected of Protection Racket Suspended

This week, the judge of the 2nd Public Treasury Court, in Uberlândia, Minas Gerais, ordered the suspension of civil policemen Joaquim Martins Madeira and Cácio Gomes Campos. They are accused of charging extortion money from pirate CD and DVD vendors.

They were given preventive suspensions until their case can be tried. The public prosecution service alleges that Inspector Madeira and Officer Cácio were running a protection racket in which they charged monthly fees to facilitate trade in pirate goods.

The spokesperson for the civil police and the defendants' lawyers have refused to comment.

Source: MGTV/ Megaminas.com

This is the second case of police corruption reported in the APCM Newsletter in the last few days. On October 11, police officers in Londrina were arrested on similar charges.

“There are a range of different factors making it hard to fight piracy in certain places, and corruption is one of them. We are pleased to see that there are serious authorities dedicated to fighting this serious problem,” says APCM’s legal coordinator, Dr. Tiago Aguiar.

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