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APCM Releases Results of Latest Operations in Brazil

Antipiracy operations are taking place on a daily basis across the country. In the last week APCM agents, in conjunction with public authorities, have overseen several operations. See below for details:

Date: December 11
City: Taubaté - SP
Category: street
Media seized: 4,000 CDS and 13,000 DVDs
Partner(s): civil police

Date: December 11
City: Atibaia - SP
Category: street and Internet café
Media seized: 17,000 CDs and DVDs and three cars
Partner(s): civil police
Five people charged

Date: December 10
City: São Paulo (Zona Sul) - SP
Category: street
Media seized: 16,000 DVDs and 10,000 CDs
Partner(s): civil police

Date: December 11
City: Belo Horizonte - MG
Category: commercial establishment
Media seized: approximately 100,000 pirate CDs and DVDs
Partner(s): civil and military police, public prosecution office, federal and state tax departments, and city council

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Federal Police Charge 7 with Copyright Violation in Rio Grande do Sul

On December 3, the Brazilian Federal Police charged seven people with copyright violation, smuggling, and establishing a criminal organization, in Santa Rosa, Rio Grande do Sul, in "Operation Northwest." The crime that gave origin to the investigation was

registered almost two years ago by the now extinct APDIF (Association for the Protection of Phonographic Copyright). Three laboratories, three storage deposits, one store, and one printer were shut down. All seven involved were accused of participating in a group that smuggled material and templates, which they used to make pirate copies of audiovisual works for distribution in several parts of Brazil. A total of 2,834 CDs, 239 DVDs of concerts, 2,104 DVDs of films, 14,744 blank CDs and DVDs, 4,019 boxes/cover inserts, 98 drives, 13 CPUs, and 4 printers were seized.

Operation in Pernambuco Seizes Over 100,000 Pirate Media

The Recife civil police, in conjunction with APCM agents, carried out a large-scale antipiracy operation at several places around the state of Pernambuco. All told, eighteen search and arrest warrants were acted on in Recife, Paulista, and Jaboatão dos Guararapes, in the Recife metropolitan area. It is estimated that 100,000 pirate CDs and DVDs, 10 CPUs, 35 drives, 10 printers, and 30,000 cover inserts were seized in the operation, baptized “Katrina.” Eight people were also charged and three arrested in the commission of the crime of copyright violation, provided for under Article 184 of the Brazilian Penal Code.