



OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Stanislaus County
832 12th Street, Suite 300
Modesto, CA 95354
Mailing address: POB 442, Modesto, CA 95353
Telephone: (209) 525-5550 Fax: (209) 525-5545

Birgit Fladager
District Attorney
Carol Shipley
Assistant District Attorney
Chief Deputy District Attorneys
Jerry Begen
Steve Casey
Alan Cassidy
Dave Harris

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: June 25, 2008
Re: Pirated DVD Operation

For More Information Contact:

Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney
Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that over the last week investigators from the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office teamed with local law enforcement to target the sales of pirated DVD's. With assistance of a Privacy and Piracy grant from the Attorney General's Office, law enforcement officials received training from representatives of the Motion Picture Association of America. Officers were instructed in the packaging, distribution and sales of the wide-spread and illegal pirating of motion picture DVD's. A number of undercover operations were conducted at local flea markets, combined with enforcement actions by local law enforcement. The operations resulted in the arrest of eight individuals and the confiscation of over nine thousand illegally produced CD's and DVD's.

Pacific Resource Investigative Services, representing the Motion Picture Association of America estimates that music and movie piracy generates over \$25 billion dollars each year. California piracy has also been linked to funding organized crime and terrorist organizations.

###