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Islington Police raid DVD house

Islington Police, supported by the Federation Against Copyright Theft (FACT), executed a search warrant at a terraced house on the border of Islington and Haringey on Friday 17th October 2008.

It is believed the house in Ferndale Road, N15 was a significant storage location for the distribution of counterfeit DVD's in London.

Police found that the first-floor had been converted to display, distribute and sell counterfeit DVD's.

Approximately 50,000 DVD's, with an estimated street value of £150,000, were recovered from the house.

No arrests have been made at this stage as the property was unoccupied at the time of the raid.

Sergeant Mike Aldridge from the Islington Police Problem Solving Team, who set-up the operation, said:

"This raid has seriously dented the network that supplies counterfeit DVDs on the streets of not only Islington and Haringey, but North London and beyond. My team will continue to work both covertly and in uniform to locate these premises, seize property and assets, and arrest the perpetrators not just involved in production, but also those selling on the streets."

FACT Director General Kieron Sharp said:

"The trade in counterfeit DVDs brings harm to local communities and threatens local businesses and legitimate market traders.

I would like to thank the officers from the Islington Police Problem Solving Team for their assistance and their continued efforts to tackle this problem."