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BAKERSFIELD BUSINESSMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL CHARGES OF COUNTERFEITING DVD MOVIES

FRESNO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DALJIT SINGH SIDHU, 42, of Bakersfield, pleaded guilty in the United States District Court in Fresno to one count of criminal copyright infringement. The guilty plea was entered before United States Judge Anthony W. Ishii.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Mark E. Cullers, who prosecuted the case, SIDHU trafficked in counterfeit DVD movies and labels from December 2005 through December 2006 at two businesses he co-owned: India Currency Exchange and Discount Mart. Both are located at 250 White Lane in Bakersfield. SIDHU sold and rented over 1,500 counterfeit DVD movies from Yash Raj Films, Inc., Video Sound, and Spark Media, Inc.

SIDHU faces up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors. Sentencing is scheduled for May 12, 2008.

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