

Five arrested in U.S. piracy investigation

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Authorities in the United States Friday announced five arrests in the latest crackdown on counterfeit software and recordings.

The U.S. Attorney's office in San Francisco said a dozen locations in California and Texas were searched as part of Operation Remaster, an investigation targeting replication companies that allegedly churned out thousands of illegal copies for distribution nationwide.

Details of the operation and the alleged conspiracy were to be released later in the day; however, prosecutors said the suspects allegedly even had silk-screening machines to make copies of the cover art on the genuine packages.

The long-term investigation by state, local and federal agents was based in the Silicon Valley area.

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