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Sacramento Resident Pleads Guilty to Selling Counterfeit Music and Movies

FRESNO, Calif. — United States Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner announced that Carlos Benavidez Tejada, 32, of Sacramento, pleaded guilty today to criminal copyright infringement.

According to the plea agreement, between June 2010 and November 2010 Tejada sold counterfeit music CDs and motion picture DVDs to the public at the Galt Market, a flea market in Galt, California, and at other flea market locations in the Eastern District of California. On November 16, 2010 more than 1,000 copyright-infringing DVDs and CDs were seized from Tejada's minivan. On December 13, 2010, several hundred copyright-infringing CDs were seized from a storage unit rented by Tejada.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force. Assistant United States Attorneys Henry Z. Carbajal III and Brian W. Enos prosecuted the case.

Tejada is scheduled to be sentenced by Chief United States District Judge Anthony W. Ishii on October 3, 2011. He faces a maximum statutory penalty of three years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of any applicable statutory factors and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables.