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**FLORIDA MAN INDICTED
FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT**

LAFAYETTE, LA: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that Johnson Augustus Powell, 52, of Milton, Fla., was indicted by a federal grand jury in a three-count indictment for Infringement of Copyright.

The indictment alleges that Powell reproduced and distributed copyrighted movie DVDs and music CDs with a value of more than \$2,500 for the purpose of reselling them for profit. Some of the DVDs that were allegedly reproduced are Hangover 2, Rise of the Apes, The Incredibles, Kung Fu Panda 2, Despicable Me, and New Moon. The Government is seeking forfeiture of approximately 2,484 CDs containing copyrighted sound recordings and approximately 3,059 DVDs containing copyrighted motion pictures, as well as equipment used to produce the CDs and DVDs.

If convicted, Powell faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, or both, for each count.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This case is being investigated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Lake Charles Resident Agency, the Louisiana State Police and the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Brett L. Grayson.

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