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## **THIRD ARREST IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL CAMCORD SYNDICATE OPERATION**

*MPDA India and APFCC make further advances in closing down illegal  
camcording in cinemas*

Surat: On May 5, law enforcement officials in Surat in the state of Gujarat, with assistance from the Motion Picture Distributors Association, India (MPDA), and the Andhra Pradesh Film Chamber Of Commerce (APFCC), carried out a successful enforcement operation that resulted in the arrest of a man in Surat who was allegedly responsible for distributing large quantities of camcorded films across the globe on a massive scale.

The action comes on the heels of another major operation on April 29 targeting a criminal camcording syndicate based in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, which resulted in two arrests.

"In an era where the Internet can increasingly be used by movie pirates to profit from stolen movies, the arrest of this movie pirate in Surat with links across India underlines the need for a dedicated IP Cell in all states across India. We look forward to future joint operations with the MPDA to bring down syndicates across India." said Rajkumar, Chairman, Anti-Video Piracy Cell, Andhra Pradesh Film Chamber of Commerce."

Uday Singh, Managing Director, Motion Picture Dist. Association, India said, "Camcord brokers are a catalyst in widening the network of pirate syndicates worldwide and negatively impact on multiple screen communities and jobs across the globe. We will continue to expand our partnership with APFCC to

target all sources that undermine legitimate businesses in India and the many thousands of people who work in them.”

The MPDA provided evidence to the Director General of Police (DGP) in Gujarat, who consequently formed a team from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to carry out the investigation and arrest.

The team conducted a successful raid at the residence of the suspect and seized seven hard disks, two remote desktop servers, one PC, two laptops, one high-end mobile phone, one router and one modem.

The man remains in custody awaiting formal charges under the relevant sections of the Copyright and Information Technology Acts of India.

These arrests and raids in Surat represent the joint MPDA-APFCC investigative team’s second major operation outside the state of Andhra Pradesh, and the third since the signing of the MOU in March 2012.

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**ABOUT THE MPDA:** The Motion Picture Dist. Association (India) Pvt. Ltd. (MPDA) is a wholly owned local office of the Motion Picture Association, and represents the interests of the American motion picture industry in India. MPDA works closely with local industry, government, law enforcement authorities and educational institutions to promote and protect the Indian film and television industry.

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**ABOUT THE MPA: PROMOTING & PROTECTING SCREEN COMMUNITIES IN ASIA PACIFIC**

The Motion Picture Association (MPA) and the Motion Picture Association International (MPA-I) represent the interests of the six international producers and distributors of filmed entertainment. To do so, they promote and protect the intellectual property rights of these companies and conduct public awareness programs to highlight to movie fans around the world the importance of content protection. These activities have helped to transform entire markets benefiting film and television industries in each country including foreign and local filmmakers alike. The organizations act on behalf of the members of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc (MPAA) which

include; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.; Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation; Universal City Studios LLC; Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. The MPA and the MPA-I have worldwide operations which are directed from their head offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. and overseen in the Asia Pacific by a team based in Singapore.

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**ABOUT THE ANDHRA PRADESH FILM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (APFCC)**

The Andhra Pradesh Film Chamber of Commerce (APFCC), which represents the Telugu Film Industry created an Anti-Video Piracy Cell (AVPC) in the year 2005. The AVPC today has become one of the premier online content protection units in the country. On March 23, 2013, the MPDA signed an MOU with APFCC to pool resources and jointly tackle issues such as camcording, online content theft, cable theft, and to promote public awareness and education campaigns on the importance of content protection.

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