

In Brief: Five arrested on copyright infringement

Five people were arrested for copyright infringement as the federal crackdown against online piracy groups continues.

The following individuals were charged with criminal copyright infringement in Charlotte, N.C., the Department of Justice said: Kevin Fuchs, 25, of West Amherst, N.Y.; and Cuong Quoc Trang, 35, of Parker, Colo., were charged by indictment with conspiracy to commit criminal copyright infringement, violating the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, and copyright infringement. Authorities charged Matthew Alderman, 24, of Ashland, Ore., with criminal copyright infringement, and David Morvant, 35, of Thibodaux, La., and Michael Hays, 51, of Delafield, Wis., with conspiracy to commit criminal copyright infringement.

"Large-scale operations like FastLink and SiteDown strike at the core of online piracy," said Assistant Attorney General Alice S. Fisher of the Criminal Division. "Losses to industry and individuals from online piracy are enormous, and law enforcement will continue to do everything it can to protect valuable copyrighted products and shut down these illegal distribution networks."

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