

## MONTREAL MAN SENTENCED IN ILLEGAL CAMCORDING CASE

*Geremi Adam sentenced under Copyright Act and Criminal Code*



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**MONTREAL, QC (March 16, 2010)** – A provincial court judge today sentenced a Montreal man to serve an additional seven (7) days in jail and to complete one hundred (100) hours of community service for movie piracy.

Geremi Adam, 27, was accused and pleaded guilty to illegally camcording a film, an offence under the *Criminal Code*, and to illegally reproducing and intending to distribute two films, an offence under the *Copyright Act*. Adam is the first Canadian to be sentenced to jail time for illegal camcording.

Adam has been in custody since January 12, 2010 awaiting today's sentencing ruling and was credited for double time served to date.

Adam, who, according to the RCMP, *had been identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as one of the leading movie pirates*, faces strict conditions of probation. Adam will be prohibited from entering a movie theatre anywhere in Canada for two years, and from possessing any recording device outside his home or at his place of work. He is also required to forfeit the equipment used in the commission of the offence.

The judgement was issued today in a Provincial Court in Montreal by Madam Justice Coupal.

"We are pleased that the court proceedings acknowledged the seriousness of the offence and the negative impact of Mr. Adam's actions," said Patrick Roy, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alliance Vivafilm, and Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Association of Film Distributors & Exporters. "Film theft costs jobs and affects thousands of Canadians who make their livelihoods in the movie business or in related industries."

In June 2007, the Federal Government amended the *Criminal Code*, making it a criminal offence to record a film in a movie theatre. "Piracy hurts consumers, legitimate community retailers, local movie theatres, and destroys jobs for all of the people, trades, and businesses dependent on the film industry in Canada," said Ellis Jacob, President and Chief Executive Officer, Cineplex Entertainment. "We joined producers, distributors, studios, theatres and other industry partners to advocate for anti-camcording legislation, and we hope that today's judgement will provide a further deterrent to would-be criminals that illegally recording a movie in a theatre can result in jail time."

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