

## Dream sues copycat distributors Spanish merchant uncovered



Lünen, 9. November 2006. Dream, the leading producer of Linux-based set-top boxes, continues to move forcefully and with all legal means possible against illegal copies of the DM 500. At the end of October it was possible to uncover the dealings of a Spanish merchant offering an illegal copy of the DM 500 at a trade fair.

Using a different product name, but with a layout that is extremely close to the original, the merchant presented the copycat product at the Metalec trade fair held in Madrid from 24. to 28. October. The illegal copy of the set-top box as well as all sales documents were confiscated, and Dream has initiated legal steps against the merchant.

The copies are of inferior quality, both in terms of the hardware and the software. The original DM 500 is equipped with patent-protected drivers for the Enigma version by Dream, and will run in optimum quality and stability only in conjunction with this driver.

In most cases the pirated products originate in Asia. Many merchants and distributors claim not to have known that they were dealing with illegal pirated copies. However, the courts are loathe to accept this excuse, particularly in the case of major distributors. Dream will continue to move forcefully against such copycat products in future, and against those who distribute these inferior copies, and will use all legal means available to put a stop to the practice.

Dream spokesperson Tim Ziemann: „Thanks to our investigations and the assistance of the Spanish authorities, we were able to net a major player in Madrid. This certainly will not be the last, we have our eye on a number of other merchants. Our Dreamboxes have a security hologram on the packaging that guarantees their authenticity.“

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