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STORM LAKE MAN SENT TO PRISON FOR ILLEGAL EBAY TRANSACTIONS

Defendant Sold Illegally Copied Software Over the Internet

United States Attorney Charles W. Larson, Sr. announced today that a man who sold illegally copied software over the Internet was sentenced today to 18 months in federal prison.

STEVEN BROCK, 54, from Storm Lake, received the prison term today after pleading guilty to criminal copyright infringement. Defendant admitted to selling hundreds of copies of pirated software over eBay.

BROCK was sentenced this morning in Sioux City by United States District Court Chief Judge Mark W. Bennett. **BROCK** was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment and ordered to pay his entire gross revenue as restitution to the software companies he victimized. There is no parole in the federal system.

BROCK was released on the bond previously set and is to surrender to the Bureau of Prisons.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sean R. Berry and investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the United States Secret Service. The matter was referred to authorities by the Business Software Alliance.