

## **Cyberpirate Sentenced**

On March 16, 2005, John Amorosi, Falls Church, Virginia, was sentenced to 24 months probation and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment. In addition, Amorosi forfeited more than 595 computer-related items. This sentencing follows his guilty plea in U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, to one count of conspiracy to commit copyright infringement.

This sentencing, as well as numerous others, is a result of a 2-year-long undercover investigation known as "Operation Bandwidth." The investigation focused on a software piracy group dedicated to illegally reproducing and distributing copyrighted software, movies, and games over the Internet. At least 18 members of the group were hackers who had illegally accessed EPA computer systems to further the reproduction and distribution scheme, valued at approximately \$7.6 million. To date, 27 defendants have been convicted and 4 defendants are awaiting trial.

*This investigation was conducted jointly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service.*