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City couple supplied child pornography to adult chain store

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A CONFESSED porn distributor and his wife, arrested for possessing child pornography, told police they supplied material to a major adult chain store, according to papers before the Cape High Court.

The man obtains his stock from abroad and makes a master copy before reproducing the material for sale to private clients and "businesses in Cape Town such as Adult World".

The couple also face charges in connection with the distribution of films without being registered and from unlicensed premises.

One movie in their catalogue is called *Cape Town 2* and features a girl who says she is 16 and has sex with the father of a friend. The movie starts at a city high school.

Davide Scalzo and his wife, Nandi Sacha face charges of distributing films without being registered, distributing unclassified films, unlawfully possessing child pornography and distributing adult material from unlicensed premises.

They have not pleaded and are to appear in the Goodwood Magistrate's Court on August 8.

Meanwhile, on Thursday, the Cape High Court granted the Asset Forfeiture Unit a provisional restraint order against their properties in Edgemead and Goodwood, computer equipment and a Volvo station wagon.

In an affidavit that forms part of the restraint application, Elsie's River Family Violence Child Protection and Sexual Offences Unit spokesman Phindile Mangesi said Scalzo had told police he had realised there was a market when he started swopping DVDs with friends.

Police first investigated the couple after Medscheme reported one of its employees had been downloading pornography at work.

They searched the employee's house and found one of Scalzo's catalogues containing various DVD titles, including *Trained Teens*, *Barely 18*, *Baby face extra*, *Baby fat*, *Young and Wild* and *College invasion*.

In March the couple's Goodwood home, where a room had

been turned into an office, was searched. Police seized computer equipment and more than 2 000 pornographic DVDs, half of them master copies.

Mangesi said police also found an e-mail Scalzo had received from a man in Strand in which he asked to be provided with gay movies involving teenage boys. Scalzo replied that he had many movies with young boys and that he would send the man a catalogue.

In a statement attached to court papers, compliance monitor for the film and Publications Board Clive Borman said only nine of 1 470 titles distributed by the couple were classified by the board and those could only be distributed by a licensed distributor.

The order was granted by Justice Daniel Dlodlo. The property has been placed under the control of a curator.

The case returns to the Cape High Court on August 31 when the couple must show cause why the provisional order should not be made final, pending the outcome of the criminal proceedings.