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## *Microsoft Sues Concern After Pirated Copies Of Software Are Seized*

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REDMOND, Wash. — Microsoft Corp. said U.S. marshals seized 2,000 pirated copies of its software from a Southern California distributor who denied knowing the software was bogus.

Microsoft also filed suit in Los Angeles federal court against the company, Number One International Inc., based in South El Monte, Calif., and its president, Randy Wang, alleging trademark and copyright infringement.

The software giant said it became suspicious because Number One was selling operating system software separate from computer hardware and some of the programs for sale hadn't been produced for more than two years.

But Thomas Chan, a Los Angeles attorney for Number One, said it's impossible for distributors such as his client to verify that software copies they purchase from Microsoft licensees are legitimate. "This is a problem of Microsoft's own making. They have no means of quality control," said Mr. Chan, who represents defendants charged by Microsoft in three similar pirating cases.

A Microsoft spokeswoman said Number One bought the fake copies at prices far below the usual wholesale rate from suppliers that were not licensees. "They absolutely knew what they were doing. They are a company in the business," she said.

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