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MIAMI TEEN ACCUSED OF COPYING GAME

An 18-year-old in Miami was arrested Thursday, accused of hacking and selling copies of a highly anticipated Activision video game that doesn't hit stores until Tuesday.

Undercover employees at IPCybercrime.com, a Texas firm that handles the game maker's anti-piracy investigations, said they contacted Christian Delamo to buy 20 copies of *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2*.

Last Friday, the firm became aware of Delamo after he posted on the site xbox360iso.com, asking others to donate funds to his PayPal account so he could purchase an unreleased Xbox360 bundled with a copy of the game and make copies of it.

"We end up getting him on the hook for selling us 20 copies," said Rob Holmes, CEO of IPCybercrime.com.

Holmes said the firm then contacted Miami-Dade police to handle the arrest.

"This is the first investigation I've ever seen — and I've been doing this for 15 years — that was conducted entirely by text messaging on the phone," Holmes said.

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