
Subject: Re: Who's the biggest retard on Renforums?
Posted by [havoc9826](#) on Thu, 18 Jan 2007 20:29:37 GMT
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warranto wrote on Thu, 18 January 2007 09:23: Accessory:

The act of helping someone commit a crime. Having knowledge of a crime does not constitute this.

Quote: A person who learns of the crime after it is committed and helps the criminal to conceal it (my edit), or aids the criminal in escaping, or simply fails to report the crime, is known as an "accessory after the fact".

Ah, I see now. I guess this is why people from different countries shouldn't argue the law. That aspect of accessory is not present in Canadian law. Nothing in Canadian law compels you to report a crime. That is particular to the United States.

Of course, if I were arguing American law, I'd probably not have the little Canadian flag beside my name.

Obstruction:

Basically its giving an authoritative body false information to prevent the investigation from finding the guilty person.

Too bad no authority figure had ever asked for assistance or information.

Whoops, I guess I'm at fault for forgetting that Canada has different legal definitions than we do. Sorry about that. However, considering n00bstories and RenGuard are operated in the United States, I would assume that they are subject to the laws of the United States. Renegade itself is a product from the United States, and it conforms to its laws as well. Therefore, according to EA's EULA for Renegade:

Quote: 2. COPYRIGHT AND RESTRICTIONS. [...] You also may not copy, modify, adapt, translate, create derivative works of, publicly perform, publicly display, distribute, transmit, decompile, disassemble or otherwise reverse engineer or attempt to reverse engineer or derive source code from, all or any portion of the Product or anything incorporated therein, including any screen display, sound or accompanying documentation, or permit or encourage any third party to do so. [...] Further, if the Product contains a map or level editor, you may use the editor in accordance with the instructions in the accompanying documentation to create maps or levels for your personal use and enjoyment, and you may allow others to use such maps or levels for their personal use and enjoyment, but in no event may such maps or levels be exploited commercially in any manner, by you or any other person or entity. [...]

4. GAME SERVERS. [...] The only authorized method of accessing any server to use the Product is by using an unmodified copy of the Product as distributed by or for EA. You shall select and then use any such server all at your sole cost, expense and risk, including any communication costs, such as telephone charges and/or Internet access fees.

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another player's ability to enjoy his or her play of the game or which is objectionable or inappropriate. [...]

Technically, even though EA hasn't pursued any legal action against BHS, server owners, and mod makers for creating scripts.dll modifications/core patches/RenGuard/serverside mods/etc., or for creating/using cheats to ruin games, they could if they felt it was worth their time and expense, which I believe is not currently the case. EA could also formally endorse certain modifications and their use/incorporation, but I have yet to see any such endorsement. Also, should EA ever wish to have knowledge of the internals of RenGuard or any serverside modification that may include code intended for improper use (since their mere existence is a violation of the license agreement), or any information regarding derivative issues (e.g. hidden agendas, backdoors, exploits), if someone receives a court order requesting the production of documents, withholding such information would indeed constitute an Accessory and/or Obstruction charge. However, there is no telling whether it would ever come to that, and although possible, it's unlikely.

If my logic is flawed, please correct me. Also, feel free to split this discussion into a new thread if you wish, since we've gone a bit off-topic (although it's not like this thread can be improved anyway).
