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Subject: OT: The RIAA

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Just something else to talk about...

First off, I certainly realize that the RIAA has a right to be angry with people who download music, and I'd also certainly say that they have a right to be compensated for it...but give me a break.

261 people were issued subpoenas yesterday, and the lowest a case has been settled for so far is around \$3,000. If each person got that minimum, it's still \$783,000 for the RIAA.

If each of those people had an average of 50 songs, and were ordered to pay a fine worth double the value of what they'd "stolen" (assuming a \$15 CD with 20 songs), the RIAA would get \$20,000 for 261 people. Now, I think repaying double the price is more than fair; normally, shoplifting of something such as a CD is treated as a misdemeanor.

So \$20,000 is fair, but \$783,000 is what their getting...hmm.

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