
Subject: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110,000,000 \$
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 08:32:55 GMT

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Judge Orders TorrentSpy to Pay MPAA \$110,000,000 in Damages

Los Angeles - TorrentSpy, a BitTorrent tracker site that lost a copyright infringement suit filed by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) last year, has been ordered by a federal judge to pay a massive \$110,000,000 in damages. "This substantial money judgment sends a strong message about the illegality of these sites," said Dan Glickman, chairman and CEO of the MPAA. "The demise of TorrentSpy is a clear victory for the studios and demonstrates that such pirate sites will not be allowed to continue to operate without facing relentless litigation by copyright holders."

U.S. District Court Judge Florence-Marie Cooper also issued a permanent injunction against any future copyright infringement by Valence Media, the company behind TorrentSpy.

TorrentSpy had already shut down permanently on March 24, with a note on its website referring to "the legal climate in the USA," and a desire to provide privacy protection for its users.

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Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 08:40:34 GMT

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torrent sites only make a few bucks from donations...how in the hell are they expected to pay 110million? That would be a dent in even Google's bank account.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 08:42:46 GMT

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Blazer they make shiploads of money from advertisements....

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 12:16:13 GMT

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I don't think they make that much, anyway, this whole thing is so pointless, there are 1000+ other torrent websites that people can use, shutting down one won't make a dent, it will only send a message to the torrent webmasters to make their sites more secure.

And.

Fuck MPAA.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$

Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 12:44:32 GMT

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I don't see what this has done for warez, torrent sites are just going to be hosted in other countrys.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 14:13:36 GMT

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Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 18:35:16 GMT

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Didn't you just say the opposite in the renegade cd topic? :-S

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 19:07:33 GMT

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No. Again, handing someone a gun (referencing the other thread) doesn't automatically call for a gun crime. The transfer of the software/gun/etc... isn't illegal. Yes, the RIAA and MPAA want to make it illegal, but that's just fucking stupid. If someone already owns the copyrighted material and is just downloading an extra copy (as I've found that downloading DVDs is faster than ripping them myself), then that's not illegal. Again, the MPAA and RIAA want to say that it is, but that's just them being blowhards. However, in the case of TorrentSpy, the majority of users didn't do this, and we know damn well that's true.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 20:28:55 GMT
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110 Million or 110 Billion?

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 20:30:17 GMT
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Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 21:17:11 GMT
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Originally Blue wrote on Thu, 08 May 2008 22:28110 Million or 110 Billion?
The one with 6 zero's. I think Americans and English have a different word for it? Or not?

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 21:24:26 GMT
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No thats the one with 9 zeroes

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 08 May 2008 22:00:07 GMT
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You put BILLION in the thread title, then said MILLION in the thread. He was just asking which one.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 09 May 2008 06:58:17 GMT
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That's because i wrote the title myself, then copy-pasted the article and forgot to change Million in the article with billion. But now I'm confused.

I'll edit the title and article now though...

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 09 May 2008 12:16:13 GMT
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I think the terms "million" and "billion" are all agreed upon over any country.

$10^6 = 1,000,000 = 1 \text{ million}$

$10^9 = 1,000,000,000 = 1 \text{ billion}$

$10^{12} = 1,000,000,000,000 = 1 \text{ trillion}$

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Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Fri, 09 May 2008 13:00:29 GMT
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Long_and_short_scales

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Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110 Billion \$
Posted by [Ma1kel](#) on Fri, 09 May 2008 16:12:30 GMT
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Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Fri, 09 May 2008 20:15:07 GMT
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Google is a search engine... the links on it has nothing to do with google.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110,000,000 \$
Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 09 May 2008 22:55:41 GMT

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google links to warez, torrents and other goodies

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110,000,000 \$
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 00:03:41 GMT

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By the way,
<http://www.google.com/search?q=google+sued&hl=en&start=0&sa=N>
it looks like google HAS been sued several times.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110,000,000 \$
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 19:49:29 GMT

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Torrents suck. IRC ftw.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110,000,000 \$
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 19:57:37 GMT

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Torrents kick so much IRC ass that it's not even funny.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110,000,000 \$
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 20:06:51 GMT

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seriously, Torrent > IRC

Liberty Bay!

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110,000,000 \$
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 20:38:37 GMT

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Torrentspy will never be forced to actually pay any thing out because of a out-of-court deal the owner made with the MPAA, you should be hearing more about it soon.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 20:58:29 GMT
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Well I moved from torrents to IRC cause I found it better.

btw, that isn't for pirating stuff.

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110,000,000 \$
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 22:12:23 GMT
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You tried to chat using torrents? WTF?

Subject: Re: Torrentspy convicted to pay 110,000,000 \$
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 10 May 2008 22:54:51 GMT
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Who said anything about chat? I barely chat on IRC. :\
