
Subject: OT: The RIAA
Posted by [boma57](#) on Wed, 10 Sep 2003 23:44:56 GMT
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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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Posted by [TheGunrun](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 00:13:55 GMT
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Subject: OT: The RIAA
Posted by [Darkeye 35](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 00:46:26 GMT
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Hmm.... so that means I have to delete all my songs now?
Noo!

I have too many

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Posted by [Gernader8](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 00:54:49 GMT
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Posted by [TheGunrun](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 01:03:30 GMT

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Wasn't napster fun? It's comming back and having that 1\$ a download crap. seems resonable but i dont wana pay. well would u pay 1\$ or more to get ur favorite mp3's? id rather download off kazza or mlRC stuff.

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Posted by [boma57](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 01:32:14 GMT

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I honestly don't see where this is going to end...

On one hand, it's you're right to do whatever you want with that CD once you buy it, you could give it to your friend if you wanted. The problem is when someone burns it and gives it to a friend and keeps one for themself...

Our economy and laws are based on objects that are tangible (You won't see anyone buying a car, then duplicating it and giving them away for free), but data can be reproduced almost effortlessly. So, my guess is that within ten years there's going to have to be some new legislature or something...After all, the RIAA can't stamp out every network. But they can't go on suing people, either.

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Posted by [John Shaft Jr.](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 01:37:44 GMT

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I been going to this site since the RIAA been giving out lawsuits. Its a Good site for news and you can post what you think afterwards, It also have have many other stuff:

<http://www.zeropaid.com/php/news.php>

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Posted by [Gernader8](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 01:37:52 GMT

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My brother, a lawyer, and I had a long complicated (I am still alittle confused) discussion about this whole thing. He knows basically all the laws by heart and their is one major flaw in the RIAA's law suits, and that is file sharing was never made illegal. (this is the part where it got complicated) I remember him saying the only foot the RIAA is standing on is the copyright violations, but could easily be shot down by the "file sharing is not illegal."

I have no idea if I made sense.....but maybe I can get my brother to type it out for me.

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Posted by [boma57](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 02:12:29 GMT
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Oh, by the way...Anyone notice any similarities to our favorite time periods, the 1600s and the 1950s? Seems a lot like a witch hunt to me...

Hundreds of people be accused and prosecuted, but the RIAA is offering them amnesty if they come forward? The exact same thing happened during the Witch Trials and the Red Scare. Confess to being a witch? You're off the hook! Admit to being a Communist? Sure, just name a few more and you're free to go!

It's pretty sad how America hasn't learned that lesson yet :Rolleyes:

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Posted by [xSeth2k2x](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 02:17:39 GMT
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*cough*peerguardian*cough*

/me walks slow and looks around and runs

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And yet again.....history repeats itself.

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Posted by [boma57](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 02:36:01 GMT

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They don't have to sue everyone...I have no doubt that they're able to shut down a few P2P networks. They can only "find" you if you're sharing music, so the simple solution for most people is to stop sharing. Yeah, well, that'll save your own skin just fine, but the RIAA is still winning because they'll have succeeded in shutting down the P2P networks when everyone stops sharing.

The issue is deeper than that, though. If they do close down P2P networks, next they'll be after burned CDs. Someone can buy a CD, burn it, give it to all their friends and then resell it. Same as a P2P network, just physically and not digitally. That'll be a much, much tougher fight, though...

Subject: OT: The RIAA

Posted by [Epyon](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 13:50:20 GMT

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The RIAA needs a hot burning slow painful death

They took a 13 year old girl to court, as well as an old man who had a computer that his great grandchildren used, but not him.

I can't wait for somebody big to call for a boycott on all RIAA sales, it will be a marvelous day.

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Posted by [England](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 14:05:18 GMT

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One word

mIRC

Riaa cant trace that, fuck 'em

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Posted by [Neo](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 14:43:45 GMT

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Actually, everytime soemthing like this comes up all they are doing is giving these places free

advertising. Think about how popular Napster got from the whole Metallica thing. They more than doubled in size. Fact is that no matter what the RIAA does they will not stop p2p sharing.

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Posted by [smwScott](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 22:20:44 GMT

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They're fighting a losing battle. Sure they can ruin a few peoples lives and maybe slow down file sharing for about a month, but they can't stop it. As long as there is an internet with unrestricted downloads there will be ways to get anything you want. The RIAA won't win this, it's costing them a lot of money to carry out all those law suits.

Oh, and I noticed a lot of the songs I get are fucked up at some point or another now. Is this those RIAA pricks or just the fact that Kazaa is shitty?

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Posted by [boma57](#) on Thu, 11 Sep 2003 22:29:18 GMT

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Yeah, different artists have purposely uploaded songs to Kazaa that were "bugged" songs that are incomplete, or have annoying noises added in them.

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Posted by [YSLMuffins](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2003 03:52:39 GMT

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There's always Kazaa lite...

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Posted by [NoX](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2003 09:05:00 GMT

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Gernader8Actually the lowest settlement was \$2000 and that was against a twelve year old girl.

sick bastards....

Subject: OT: The RIAA

Posted by [Ultron10](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2003 21:24:31 GMT

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I honestly couldn't give a fuck what the RIAA say or do.

It's all about the money...

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Posted by [Griever92](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2003 21:54:36 GMT

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oh yeah, cause Crimson really wants to get sued for helping to distribute illegally obtained music.

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Posted by [setstyle](#) on Sat, 13 Sep 2003 00:13:21 GMT

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The RIAA's just in a fit because people naturally seek to bypass the outrageous prices set by the industry. I can sum it up in one word: Greed. How the hell am I supposed to hear a band's sound if I can't hear the songs? CD stores' sampling machines aren't always an option, since they often carry only whatever's "cool" at the time (which I usually look down upon). Some sites may have samples, but that could be the best/worst song on the album, leaving me with little understanding of it as a whole. If that "copyrighted material" is really good, and merchandise isn't overpriced (yeah right), I may even buy some stuff. If I don't like it, I'm obviously not going to let it on my computer and listen to it.

Subject: lol

Posted by [NavySEAL55](#) on Sat, 13 Sep 2003 00:23:52 GMT

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I'd like to see them scrounge up the money to sue everyone....at the same time

Subject: You wanted a boycott...you got it...

Posted by [Kingdud](#) on Sat, 13 Sep 2003 02:23:40 GMT

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You wanted a boycott...you got it...

<http://www.boycott-riaa.com/>

Peace out,

-Kingdud

Subject: OT: The RIAA

Posted by [MonkeyPhonic](#) on Sat, 13 Sep 2003 10:39:30 GMT

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Ok so a quick math lesson.

There's 250 mil people in the US, aproximately.

250 of them were sued by the RIAA.

So you have a one in a million chance of being sued.

Compare that to your chances of being run over by a car this week.

Do you stop crossing the road?

Kazza might be brought down by this, but probbaly not, and even if they are there are plaenty of other peer to peer networks that are a lot better than Kazza for protecting your identity.

The Music industry went to shit years ago, they'll happily rip you off in a second and cry like babies when they get the shaft. For example, the unit cost of producing a DVD is far lower than the unit cost of producing a video casset, however the industry knows that because the quality is much higher and it's all new fangled technermological wizadry that you the punter will be all impressed and expect it to cost more, and far be it from them to dissapoint your expectations. I used to work for a media reproduction company a few years ago, and the cost on CD's for a short run of 100 or so is quite high, but when your talking in the 100,000's then it's waaaay lower. Games are a different kettle of fish tho, the development cost is way higher than for music and there's no box office recuiPMENT like in the fil biz. However they could be cheaper too, but your high street store takes a 50% cut, the publisher takes a big chunk so the developer quite often barely breaks even, baring games like GT3 and so on. Don't bitch about companies like Westood going under if you have a chipped playstation and a stack of coppied titles. Your part of the problem.

/Soap box ranting

Subject: OT: The RIAA

Posted by [Jaspah](#) on Sat, 13 Sep 2003 13:54:40 GMT

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They ain't even giving the Money they get to the Artists that were affected.

Now thats sad.

Greedy assholes.
