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Sylvia Price has given up her battle to prevent the record industry imposing a £4,000 fine after her daughter illegally downloaded music from the web. The 53-year-old, who lives in Springbank, Cheltenham, hired a solicitor to fight the case against the British Phonographic Industry but now says she can't afford to take it through the courts.

She has instead made a settlement offer of £2,500.

Mrs Price said: "They (the BPI) should have sent something to saying 'If you keep doing this we will fine you' - they should have sent a warning first."

She said it could take her 10 years to pay off the fine in monthly instalments of around £20.

Her daughter Emily, 14, downloaded 1,400 songs on to her computer over two years.

The teenager said she did not realise that file-sharing was wrong.

The Cheltenham Kingsmead School pupil kept her computer on, allowing other people to download her files.

Mrs Price received a summons from Wiggins Solicitors, which prosecutes internet pirates on behalf of record companies, earlier this year.

It told her she could face jail if she didn't pay the fine by July 1.

She originally vowed to fight the case and has received messages of support and offers of financial help from across the globe.

A spokesman for the BPI confirmed an offer had been made to settle the dispute.

Emily was one of 88 people targeted by the BPI. All were entitled to contest their case in a civil action, or settle their fine. About 60 have now been settled.



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how much work goes in to making a cassette tape? with springs, gears, and a reel of tape? then how come a peice of polycarbonate with aluminum foil glued to the top costs more than a labor intensive recording device? and as far as i know all the cd blanks do is get stamped with a die to make a recording, instead of a burning process like we use.if a tape is more work to make, how come they cost less? i'll tell you, it's because we will pay more for better quality, but why should i pay out my ass for a crappy CD when i can download the new "good charlotte" CD for what it's worth: nothing. the industries are scared because they might have to start charging us what it is worth instead of what we would pay for.if we only had to pay, say, (doing math in my head... 30 cent CD, plus 200% for the industry, plus 10 cents for the artist (they way it usually works out)... carry the one...) 1 dollar for the CD's (which is the highest i would pay for some cd i would only listen to for a week.) i would not download, but until half of the money i spend on the cd does not go towards suing me when i don't buy any of their music, i won't be fooled.

ryan, flipping the bird at the industry

this big hypocracy of this is that multinational corporations can do whatever they want, break all laws, destroy the environment, lie, manipulate, and steal. but as soon as a consumer doesn't pay for something it goes berzerk.

some guy, california

I disagree whith giving such a big fine for something that is only affecting the people that can afford top brand cloths and limousines. When there is REAL crime and such going on. Protecting those that are rich by taking money off those who are not rich enough to by songs from the shop is just wrong.

phillip14@hotmail.com, England

The important part seems to be that she "cannot afford to fight" it.Meaning, guilty or not, she must pay. This is the definition of extortion. What if you are accused and told you now face jail time if you dont come up with the money to pay an attorney what could be hundreds of thousands. This puts 99.99999% of us on notice that whether we are guilty or not, if our number is picked by a corporation to pay them large sums, we have no choice.

krelvin, usa

These are mostly just big publicity stories spread to scare all the parents into stopping their child from downloading. The statistical chances of being prosecuted are very, very small. Total argeement that it was setting an example

Blasmeister, England

That's it? 2,500? She got off easy. There are people Stateside that have been sued for a hell of a lot more than that. Try high six figures. The RIAA loves to make an example out of the peons. As if they didn't already bleed people dry...

Jim, USA, baby

This is just another example of how the recording industry is trying to capitalized on the back of hard working people. The moment the people shift the control from the recording industry they get all ancy. And now you cry out to me saying, "ooh poor artists." When they stop throwing Million dollar houses and Bentley's in my face that's when i'll say ok enough is enough.

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so, to get the 1400 songs she wants, she would likely have to buy 1000 or more CDs? Meh, seems the music corporations ARE robbing people and then complain when we do something about it. what a joke.

pirate, arrr, vast opean seas

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Thsesse stories make me sick. Stealing is NOT WRONG when approved by GOD, JHVH-1, and as "BOB" as my witless, stealing music from Slack-hogging GLORPS in the Phonograph Industry is WRONG, friends, then GOD HIMSELF is wrong. And I sure don't think that's the TRUTH.

Reverend Coronus, Kansas City MO

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This kind of hardship is what you'd expect when the kid gets a major illness, not for downloading Britney Spears. I wonder how long until insurance companies offer "download" coverage in case the music industry goes after your child...

thoughtful guy, US

haha. dumb lil girl.

GW, Amerika

people know its not the right thing to do but still do it hoping not to get caught she was unlucky and did

tough luck, glos

Written warnings should be mailed to "offenders" then after a period of 4 weeks or so, then prosecute. This was just "setting an example".

dave barraclough, birdwood

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