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"Even when I kept asking, the RIAA lawyers never did send any proof to me that I did anything wrong; they just kept telling me to pay them. Like a broken record."

- David Danger Andora

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FROM: David Andora

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SUBJECT: Chicago resident erroneously sued by RIAA

In another case of mistaken identity, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has filed suit against Chicago resident David Andora, 30 for illegally sharing music. Specifically the suit claims David shared eight songs using peer to peer file sharing software. An initial threat letter from the RIAA was thought by David to be from scam artists trying to get payments from people for file sharing. "One day in the mail I got a letter from RIAA lawyers demanding I call a phone number in Colorado and give my credit card number to someone and pay \$6000 for eight songs. Since I've never shared music online, of course I thought it was a scam; who wouldn't?" adding, "It makes me sick that this big organization can go after individuals for large sums of money using and methods proven to be unreliable." also pointing out, "Just because my middle name is Danger doesn't make me a threat to the RIAA"

- Humorous to anyone who knows David, a portion of the several hundred songs the RIAA claims was held on David Andora's computer in a shared folder, consists largely of hardcore rap as well as gospel/religious music; both genres of which David Andora has zero interest.
- A wireless router, less than two weeks old, was not protected by a password on the date in question, enabling anyone in the immediate vicinity to use his internet access. There is a cafe of a major bookstore chain within 100 feet of David Andora's home. "I can see their network on my computer, so anyone if the cafe can surely see mine"
- COVAD surrendered David Andora's identity to the RIAA although Internet service at the time was through SBC.
- David Andora has only ever owned Apple computers, however, a file included in the shared folder presented as evidence is of the .rjm format, a pc based file.
- An unidentified version of the software LIMEWIRE is stated as the peer to peer file sharing software used, despite no file sharing programs or shared folders ever existing on Mr. Andora's laptop.

Other RIAA suits demonstrating the flawed methods for identifying plaintiffs include:

a *deceased* great grandmother; and a grandmother who, like David Andora, owns a Macintosh computer while the RIAA had information about PC based files and software. These cases have eventually been dropped, with no explanation from the RIAA for their errors. The same flawed methods were used to target David Andora in this case.

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