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Subject: Copyright Infringement of Musical Compositions Written in Whole

p/k/a "Prince"

Monday, June 4, 2007

VIA E-MAIL (copyright@youtube.com)

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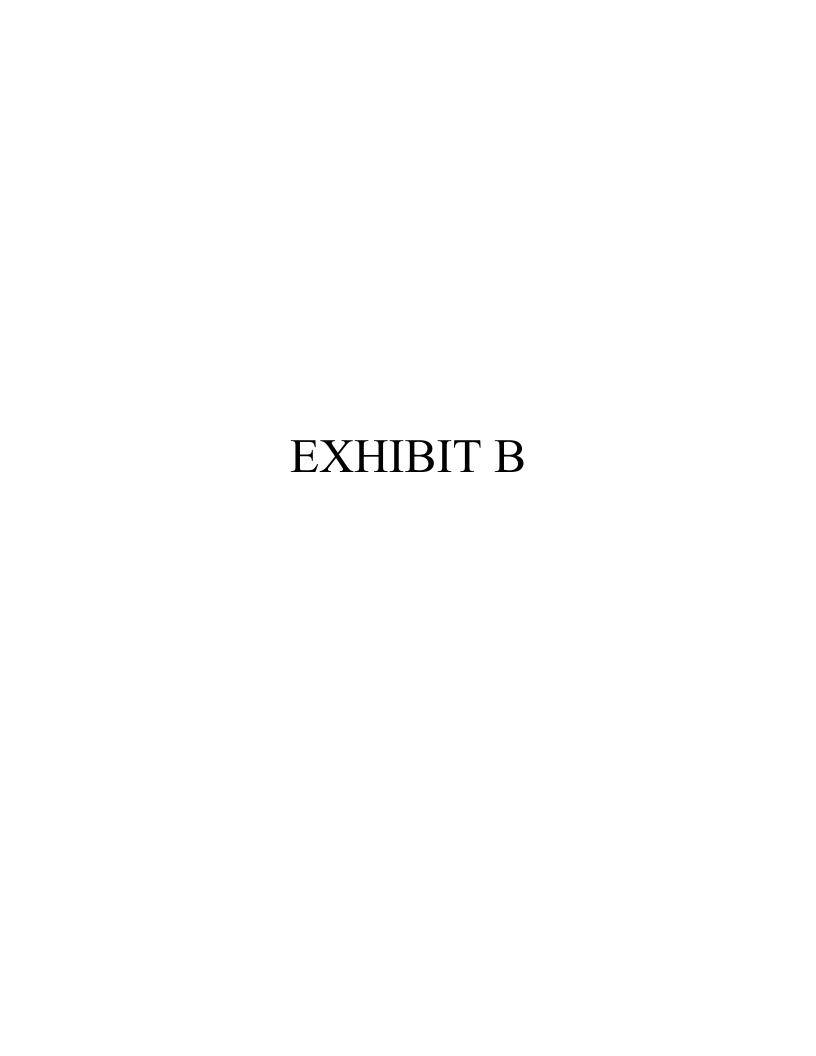
You may contact me at Universal Music Publishing Group, 2440 Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064, Tel. (310) 235-4739, or e-mail at alina.moffat@umusic.com, to discuss this notice. We await your response. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Alina Moffat Associate Director, Business Affairs

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- E. Prohibited commercial uses do not include:
 - uploading an original video to YouTube, or maintaining an original channel on YouTube, to promote your business or artistic enterprise;
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 - any use that YouTube expressly authorizes in writing.

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- F. If you use the YouTube Embeddable Player on your website, you must include a prominent link back to the YouTube website on the pages containing the Embeddable Player and you may not modify, build upon, or block any portion of the Embeddable Player in any way.
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- Identification of the copyrighted work claimed to have been infringed, or, if multiple copyrighted works at a single online site are covered by a single notification, a representative list of such works at that site;
- Identification of the material that is claimed to be infringing or to be the subject of infringing activity and that is to be removed or access to which is to be disabled and information reasonably sufficient to permit the service provider to locate the material;
- Information reasonably sufficient to permit the service provider to contact you, such as an address, telephone number, and, if available, an electronic mail;
- A statement that you have a good faith belief that use of the material in the manner complained of is not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent, or the law; and

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- Identification of the content that has been removed or to which access has been disabled and the location at which the
 content appeared before it was removed or disabled;
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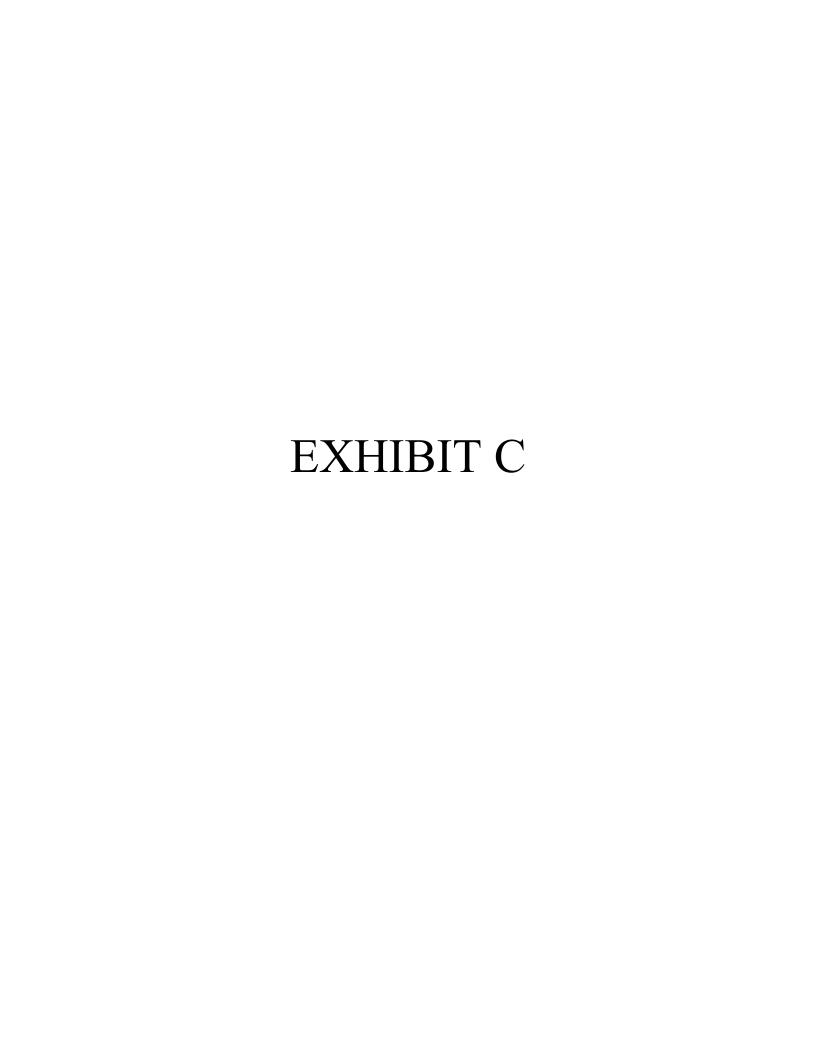
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From: DMCA Notice < no_reply@support.youtube.com >

Date: Jun 5, 2007 12:46 PM

Subject: Video Removed: Copyright Infringement

To: edenza < eden@piggyhawk.net >

Dear Member:

This is to notify you that we have removed or disabled access to the following material as a result of a third-party notification by Universal Music Publishing Group claiming that this material is infringing:

"Let's Go Crazy" #1: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1KfJHFWlhQ

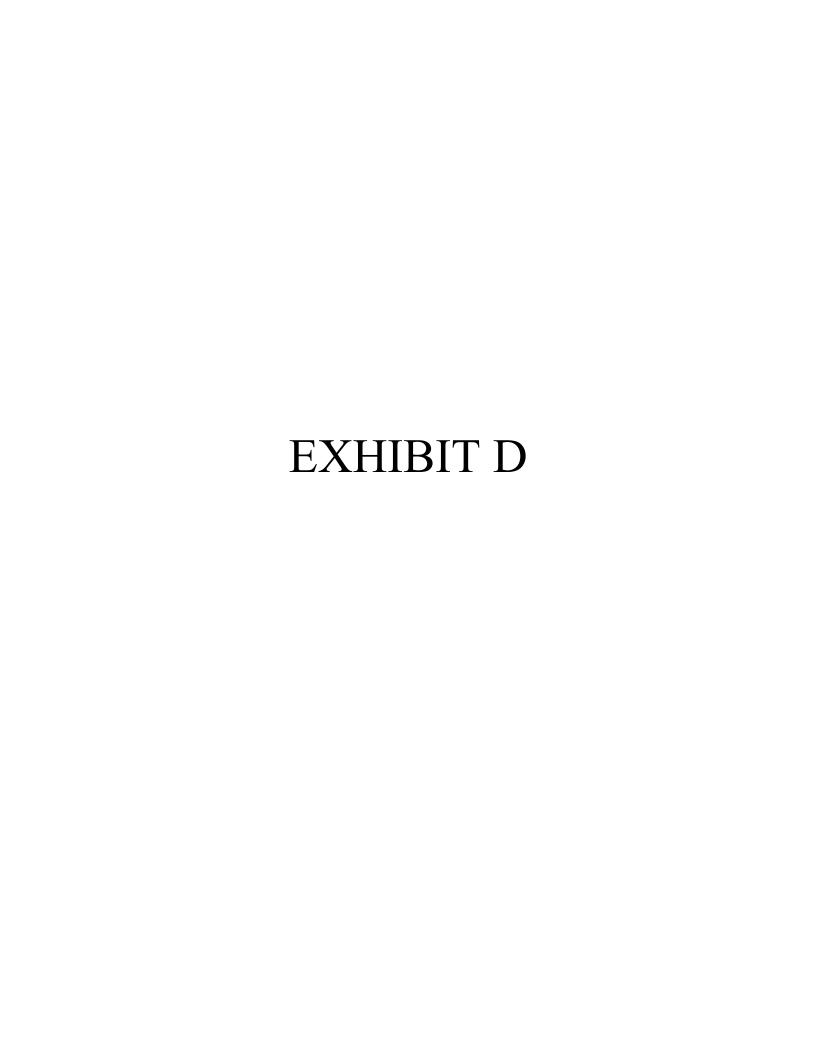
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If you elect to send us a counter notice, please go to our <u>Help Center</u> to access the instructions.

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How do I file a counter notice?

Please note that this page lists 2 different processes:

- DMCA counter notice
- International counter notice

How do I file a DMCA counter notice?

The process for counter-notifications is governed by Section 512(g) of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act: http://www.copyright.gov/legislation/dmca.pdf

To file a counter notification with us, you must provide a written communication that sets forth the items specified below.

Please note that under Section 512(f) of the Copyright Act, any person who knowingly materially misrepresents that material or activity was removed or disabled by mistake or misidentification may be subject to liability. Please also be advised that we enforce a policy that provides for the termination in appropriate circumstances of subscribers who are repeat infringers. Accordingly, if you are not sure whether certain material infringes the copyrights of others, we suggest that you first contact an attorney.

Elements of Counter-Notification

A sample counter notification may be found at:

http://www.chillingeffects.org/dmca/counter512.pdf. To expedite our ability to process your counter notification, please use the following format (including section numbers):

- 1. Identify the specific URLs of material that YouTube has removed or to which YouTube has disabled access.
- 2. Provide your full name, address, telephone number, and email address, and the username of your YouTube account.
- 3. Provide a statement that you consent to the jurisdiction of Federal District Court for the judicial district in which your address is located (or San Francisco County, California if your address is outside of the United States), and that you will accept service of process from the person who provided notification under subsection (c)(1)(C) or an agent of such person.
- 4. Include the following statement: "I swear, under penalty of perjury, that I have a good faith belief that the material was removed or disabled as a result of a mistake or misidentification of the material to be removed or disabled."
- 5. Sign the notice. If you are providing notice by e-mail, a scanned physical signature or a valid electronic signature will be accepted.

Send the written communication to the following address:

YouTube, LLC Attn: YouTube DMCA Counter-Notification 1000 Cherry Ave Suite 200 San Bruno, CA 94066

(650) 872-8513, Attn: YouTube DMCA Counter-Notification

or email to:

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How do I file a counter notice (International complaints*)?

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Elements of Counter Notification

To expedite our ability to process your counter notification, please use the following format (including section numbers):

- Identify the specific URLs of material that YouTube has removed or to which YouTube has disabled access.
- Provide your full name, address, telephone number, email address and the username of your YouTube account.
- 3. Provide a statement that you will accept service of process from the person who provided YouTube with the original copyright complaint or an authorised agent of such person.
- 4. Include the following statement: "I have a good faith belief that the material was removed or disabled as a result of a mistake or misidentification of the material to be removed or disabled."
- 5. Sign the notice. If you are providing notice by email, a scanned physical signature or a valid electronic signature will be accepted.

Send the written communication to the following address:

Attn: YouTube Copyright Counter Notification Gordon House Barrow Street Dublin 4 Ireland

or fax to:

+353 1 437 0741, Attn: YouTube Copyright Counter Notification

or email to

ukcopyright@youtube.com, Subject: YouTube Copyright Counter Notification

What happens next?

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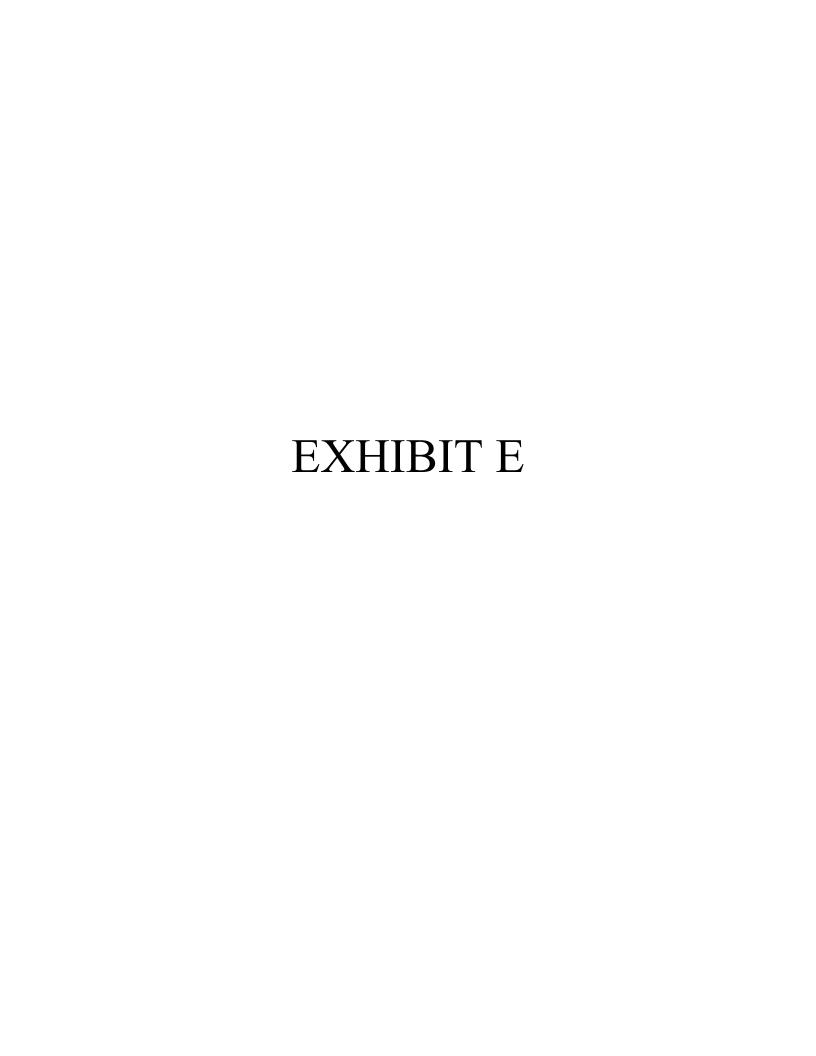
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LONDON (Reuters) - U.S. pop star Prince plans to sue YouTube and other major

Web sites for unauthorized use of his music in a bid to "reclaim his art on the

The man behind hit songs "Purple Rain",

Thursday that YouTube could not argue it

"1999" and "When Doves Cry" said on

had no control over which videos users

"YouTube ... are clearly able (to) filter

choose not to filter out the unauthorized

working with artists to help them manage

"Most content owners understand that we

respect copyrights, we work every day to

help them manage their content, and we

them do that even better," said YouTube

"We have great partnerships with major

understand the benefit of using YouTube

In addition to YouTube, Prince plans legal

action against online auctioneer eBay and

Pirate Bay, a site accused by Hollywood

and the music industry as being a major

The legal action is the latest bid by the

enforcing copyright increasingly difficult.

content in an age where file sharing,

mobile phones and video sites make

music industry to wrest back control over

source of music and film piracy.

music labels all over the world that

chief counsel Zahavah Levine.

music and film content which is core to

their business success," a statement released on his behalf said.

YouTube responded by saying it was

their music on the site.

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By Mike Collett-White

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But it is believed to be rare for an individual artist of Prince's stature to take on popular Web sites, while some up-and-coming performers actually encourage online file sharing to create a fan base and buzz around a record.

"Prince strongly believes artists as the creators and owners of their music need to reclaim their art," the statement added.

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British company Web Sheriff has been hired to help coordinate the action.

"In the last couple of weeks we have directly removed approximately 2,000 Prince videos from YouTube," said Web Sheriff managing director John Giacobbi.

"The problem is that one can reduce it to zero and then the next day there will be 100 or 500 or whatever. This carries on ad nauseam at Prince's expense," he told Reuters.

He said his company had also removed around 300 items from eBay, where whole lines of pirated goods trading on Prince's name had appeared, including clocks, socks, mugs and key rings.

Prince's latest initiative is likely to please record industry executives and music retailers, who have not always seen eye-to-eye with the 49-year-old.

He has referred to the record industry as "the speculation business" and gave away copies of his new album "Planet Earth" for free with a British Sunday newspaper.

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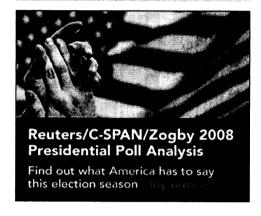
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The Home Video Prince Doesn't Want You to See

Pa. Mom Fights Back With Lawsuit Against Music Company

By JIM AVILA, CHRIS FRANCESCANI and MARY HARRIS
ABC News Law & Justice Unit

Oct. 26, 2007 —

A bouncing YouTube baby has be-bopped his way right into the legal cross-hairs of the pop star Prince, sparking a lawsuit that could test the boundaries of U.S. copyright law.

Holden Lenz, 18 months old, is the pajama-clad star of a 29-second home movie shot by his mother in the family's rural Pennsylvania kitchen and posted last February on the popular video site YouTube.

In the video, the child is seen bouncing and swaying for the camera, as, faintly, the Prince hit "Let's Go Crazy" plays on a CD player in the background.

Twenty eight people, mostly friends and family, had viewed the YouTube video by June, when mom Stephanie Lenz said she received an e-mail from YouTube informing her that her video had been removed from the site at the request of Universal Music Publishing Group, the recording industry's largest label, and warning her that future copyright infringements on her part could force the Web site to cancel her account.

'Frightened, Then Angry'

"All of my [YouTube] videos are home videos, so I thought it was some kind of scam," Lenz told ABC News' Law & Justice Unit. When she realized YouTube had actually taken her video down, she said she was shocked.

"At first it frightened me, because I saw who had filed" the takedown notice, she said.

"It was Universal Music Publishing Group, and I was afraid that ... they might come after me. ... And the more afraid I got, the angrier I got. ... I was afraid that the recording industry might come after me the way they've come after other people for downloading music or file sharing.

"I thought even though I didn't do anything wrong that they might want to file some kind of suit against me, take my house, come after me.

"And I didn't like feeling afraid," she continued. "I didn't like feeling that I could get in trouble for something as simple as posting a home video for my friends and family to see."

Lenz filed a "counter-notice" with YouTube, and the Web site put her video back up about six weeks later.

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But Lenz was angry, and she said she wasn't ready to let it go.

She contacted a leading cyber rights legal organization called the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and filed a **civil lawsuit** against the music publisher, claiming they were abusing the Digital Millennium Copyright Act by sending out reams of what are known in the industry as "take down notices" to Web sites like YouTube, claiming their artists' copyrights had been infringed upon -- when in fact, sometimes they may not have been at all.

- Universal Music Publishing Group has filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, a spokesman said.
- File-sharing and illegally downloading of music has devastated a once-booming music industry. Some observers say the industry is just trying to protect itself.
- 'I think the large copyright holders believe that if they do not police every single use of their copyrighted work -- no matter how benign -- that somehow that will open the floodgates to massive piracy," said Gigi Sohn of the Washington think-tank Public Knowledge.
- 'The problem with that is that viewers, Internet users, consumers, have rights under copyright law as well, and one of those rights is the ability to make fair, lawful uses of copyrighted work, for a variety of reasons," she said.
- "The 'Let's Go Crazy baby?'" she asked rhetorically. "When you look at the facts, it's obvious that a take down notice should never have been sent. ... I mean, nobody downloads a video from YouTube with a song on it -- particularly 29 seconds of a song and says, 'OK, I don't have to buy the song' -- so clearly this was a type of use that didn't violate copyright."

Source: Prince 'Scours the Internet' Looking for Violations

For it's part, Universal said it was simply acting at the behest of one of its top artists.

"Prince believes it is wrong for YouTube, or any user-generated site, to appropriate his music without his consent," the company said in a statement released to ABC News Thursday. "That position has nothing to do with any particular video that uses his songs. It's simply a matter of principle. And legally, he has the right to have his music removed. We support him and this important principle. That is why, over the last few months, we have asked YouTube to remove thousands of different videos that use Prince music without his permission."

A well-placed source directly involved in the situation confirmed to ABC News that Prince was directly involved in seeking the takedown of Lenz's video.

"This guy scours the Internet," the source said of the legendary artist, who once changed his name to an unpronounceable symbol and wrote the word "Slave'" on his cheek until he won back the rights to his music from another publishing company.

"He's really intense about this stuff," the source said, adding that Lenz's video "happened to be one of

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nany" that artist apparently located online and demanded be taken down.

A publicist for Prince directed ABC News to the artist's personal assistant's cell phone. The assistant did not eturn a call for comment.

The case is part of what some cyber rights advocates says is an alarming trend in aggressive copyright protection that can sometimes go too far. Entire companies have sprung up to troll the Internet and send housands of take down notices, warning of legal action if videos that could be deemed to violate a copyright are not immediately removed.

'This is the first major case that we've seen where someone like a housewife is being targeted by a major recording company, but we're starting to see more and more of these kinds of abuses," said Jason Schultz, an attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

'Because of the way the law is set up, it's very easy for people to send copyright complaints to any Web site and demand that videos come down or music comes down, and a lot of providers can't verify.

'What's going on here is that people like Universal are abusing the copyright law in order to censor, take down videos they frankly don't like, but aren't actually infringing copyright," Schultz said.

"They aren't violating copyright law. So here Stephanie Lenz posted a video of her kids dancing," Schultz said. "It's just a home video. She wanted her friends and family to see it, and Universal had no right to [have it] take[n] down. And by sending an abusive copyright complaint, they really abused the law."

Lenz and E.F.F. are seeking unspecified damages from the music company.

"I'd like to see [Universal] say that I wasn't a copyright infringer," Lenz said.

By Law, YouTube Honors Takedown Notices -- and Counter-Notices

A YouTube spokesman told ABC News that under the provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, hosting platforms like YouTube are legally obligated to take both the original takedown notices and the counter-notices at face-value, and to honor them.

"This litigation doesn't involve us," Ricardo Reyes, a spokesman for YouTube said.

"We are what the DMCA call a hosting platform," he said. "We provide a platform for people to post their content and share it. When we're notified that something is infringing, we take that [content] down. To not take it down would put us in violation of the DMCA. What we have to do is take them at face value. What you are saying under penalty of law is saying you are the owner. If you say you are the owner and you're not, you can be sued."

Conversely, Reyes said, "When we're counter notified, we basically have to take the counter notice at face value too. Our responsibility is to abide by the notices or counter notices."

Caught to some extent in the middle of the takedown notice wars, Reyes declined to address the Prince controversy directly, but said YouTube had been down this road before.

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He cited the case of a North Carolina school board council candidate, Christopher Knight, who produced a laffy commercial in which he donned a "Star Wars"-like light saber and promised to protect the school listrict's students from a metaphorical Death Star.

The VH1 cable television show "Best Week Ever," which highlights amusing online content, featured a clip of the video on their show.

Knight "thought that was so cool he put up the VH1 clip up on his channel on YouTube," Reyes said. "And VH1 sent us a take down notice." (To view Knight's video, go to YouTube and search "Christopher Knight.")

Lenz, a blogger and fiction writer, said she's sympathetic to the plight of the music industry and its artists.

'I do understand where the record industry is coming from," she said. "They should go after people who nfringe on their copyrights. Artists and musicians are owed the money for the product that they create, but I lidn't take their product. I bought my CD at my local record store and I played it for my kids, and I wasn't rying to make any money or pass it off as anything other than a home movie of my child."

But the legal controversy has changed the way Lenz thinks, she said, every time she picks up her digital camera. "I'm constantly thinking about what's going on in the background, what's on the TV, what's on the CD player, the characters on my kids' clothes, the characters on the toys that they are playing with," she said.

'I'm cognizant of what's going on at every step, instead of focusing on my kids, which is where my attention should be."

As for Holden, the toddler has moved on to punk music.

"He loves music," his mother said. "He likes all kind of music. At the time [of the video] he liked anything that was R & B, and Prince fit perfectly in with that.

"I haven't played Prince for him lately," she said, laughing. "But he's getting a little bit more into punk now, so I'm trying to turn him on to Nirvana."

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