

## **Why did I receive this Copyright Warning Message?**

Our information indicates that you may be illegally distributing copyrighted music without the authorization of the copyright holder. When you offer copyrighted music files without permission on a “file-sharing” system, such as Kazaa, Grokster, Imesh, Gnutella, Limewire, or Bearshare, you are distributing those files to millions of people around the world. It is illegal.

## **I thought I was anonymous.**

The idea that anyone is anonymous on peer-to-peer networks is a complete myth. If a file is offered for distribution, anyone can find out which computer is offering that file.

## **I thought they just ruled that Grokster was legal. So isn't this activity legal?**

No. What happened was that a lower court judge issued an opinion -- which is being appealed -- saying that Grokster itself can't be held liable for the illegal acts of its users. In any case, the judge made it clear that distributing and downloading copyrighted music files without permission from the copyright owner is "direct copyright infringement," which is against the law.

## **Who sent this message?**

This warning comes from artists, songwriters, musicians, music publishers, record labels and hundreds of thousands of people who work at creating and distributing the music you enjoy (who are represented by the organizations on the homepage of this website).

**For specific instructions on how to disable the “share” feature on your peer-to-peer software or to uninstall your peer-to-peer software go to [http://www.musicunited.net/5\\_takeoff.html](http://www.musicunited.net/5_takeoff.html)**