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Subject: file sharing, LEGAL w/ friends?

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MonkeyPhonicThe difference is that by file sharing you are keeping the recording AND passing it on. A second hand CD is ONLY passing it on. File sharing is more like taking a load of copies and selling them at a yard sale, which is infringing on other peoples rights and just as illigal. Everybody likes free stuff, I've seen movies, listened to songs from file sharing progs. Just don't try and make out like it's your right.

I refer you to the first half of my post. As long as he doesn't sell it for more than he bought it (Financial gain), use it as a begining for his music distribution company (commercial advantange) and doesn't distribute the same CD (different purchased copy) enough times to total more than \$1000 during a 180 day period, he's fine and nothing legal can happen to him.

There was a reason I put both in. Though I admit a clarification of the second half should have stated that the law pertains to unoffical recordings only.

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