

Federal Court



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Docket: T-4795-25

Citation: 2026 FC 801

Ottawa, Ontario, June 15, 2026

PRESENT: The Honourable Mr. Justice Fothergill

BETWEEN:

**ARISTA RECORDS LLC
ATLANTIC RECORDING CORPORATION
ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC.
SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT
SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT CANADA INC.
SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT UK LIMITED
UNIVERSAL MUSIC CANADA INC.
WARNER MUSIC CANADA CO.
WARNER MUSIC UK LIMITED
WARNER RECORD INC.
ZOMBA RECORDING LLC**

Applicants

and

**JOHN DOE 1 dba Y2MATE.WS
JOHN DOE 2 dba YTMP3.LAT
JOHN DOE 3 dba SAVEFROM.SPACE
AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS WHO OPERATE
UNAUTHORIZED STREAM-RIPPING PLATFORMS
UNDER THE BRANDS Y2MATE, YTMP3 AND SAVEFROM**

Respondents

and

**BELL CANADA
BRAGG COMMUNICATIONS INC. dba EASTLINK
COGECO COMMUNICATIONS INC.
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS CANADA INC.
SASKATCHEWAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TEKSAVVY SOLUTIONS INC.
TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.
VIDEOTRON LTD.
2251723 ONTARIO INC. dba VMEDIA**

Third Party Respondents

JUDGMENT

UPON the application of the Applicants pursuant to s 44 of the *Federal Courts Act*, RSC 1985, c F-7, and s 34(1) of the *Copyright Act*, RSC 1985, c C-42, for Judgment granting a permanent injunction against the John Doe Respondents and other Unidentified Persons [collectively, John Doe Respondents];

AND UPON reading the Applicants' Application Record;

AND UPON hearing counsel for the Applicants and giving counsel for the Third Party Respondents an opportunity to be heard, no-one appearing for the John Doe Respondents;

AND CONSIDERING s 18(1), 27(1) and 34 (1) of the *Copyright Act*; s 36 of the *Telecommunications Act*, S.C. 1993, c 38; s 44 of the *Federal Courts Act*; and this Court's decisions in *Bell Media Inc v GoldTV.Biz*, 2019 FC 1432, aff'd 2021 FCA 181, leave to appeal to SCC refused, 39876 (24 March 2022); *Bell Media Inc v GoldTV.Biz*, 2022 FC 1695; *Rogers*

Media Inc v John Doe 1, 2022 FC 775; *Rogers Media Inc v John Doe*, 2024 FC 1082; and *Bell Media Inc v John Doe 1 (Soap2day)*, 2025 FC 133 [*Soap2day*];

AND CONSIDERING the following:

- (a) the Applicants are the owners or the exclusive licensees of the Canadian rights to a vast catalogue of recordings of the performances of musical artists;
- (b) the John Doe Respondents are the operators of unauthorized “stream ripping” services, which allow users to create or obtain a permanent, downloadable copy of audio or video content that is intended to be available only for streaming;
- (c) under the *Copyright Act*, performance rights and reproduction rights are treated as two distinct rights: music can be distributed through performances (such as live performances and online streaming) or through the circulation of copies of audio or video recordings (such as compact discs and downloadable digital files) – because the former is ephemeral, and the latter is permanent, the reproduction rights have a greater economic value;
- (d) YouTube provides access to streams (and in some cases non-permanent downloads) of the Applicants’ audio and video recordings to the public, but is not authorized to allow its users to permanently download these recordings;

- (e) the stream ripping platforms operated by the John Doe Respondents circumvent the security measures implemented by YouTube in order to create a permanent, downloadable copy of audio or video content from the stream provided on YouTube, without authorisation by YouTube or the Applicants;

AND UPON BEING SATISFIED that the John Doe Respondents are infringing the copyright owned or licensed by the Applicants:

- (a) by authorizing their users to reproduce the Applicants' audio and video recordings;
- (b) by inducing their users to infringe the Applicants' copyright, including by the statements of encouragement published on their platforms; and
- (c) by enabling their users to obtain unauthorized reproductions of the Applicants' audio and video recordings by providing the public with a service, by means of the Internet, that has the sole function of making available the unauthorized reproduction those recordings;

AND CONSIDERING the Applicants' attempts to serve the Notice of Application upon the John Doe Respondents using the contact e-mail addresses published on the stream ripping platforms that they operate;

AND CONSIDERING the Applicants' subsequent attempts to serve the Notice of Application upon the John Doe Respondents by contacting the "abuse" e-mail addresses associated with the domain registrars of the stream ripping platforms operated by each of the John Doe Respondents, the Applicants' receipt of instructions for submitting copyright complaints from those domain registrars by way of reply e-mail, and the Applicants' compliance with those instructions to send the Notice of Application to each of the John Doe Respondents;

THIS COURT'S JUDGMENT is that:

1. Copyright is declared to subsist in the sound recordings listed in the tables set out in Appendix 1 to the Notice of Application [Applicants' Sound Recordings], and the Applicant specified in each of those tables is declared to be the owner or exclusive licensee of the Canadian copyright therein.
2. The John Doe Respondents are declared to have:
 - (a) engaged in the unauthorized reproduction of the Applicants' Sound Recordings and authorized their users to reproduce the Applicants' Sound Recordings, without the consent of the Applicants, in contravention of s 18(1) of the *Copyright Act*;
 - (b) induced their users to infringe the Applicants' reproduction rights by encouraging their users to download the Applicants' Sound Recordings; and

- (c) enabled their users to reproduce the Applicants' Sound Recordings by providing platforms primarily for the purpose of allowing their users to make unauthorized reproductions of the Applicants' Sound Recordings contrary to s 27(2.3) of the *Copyright Act*.

- 3. The John Doe Respondents shall immediately deactivate the Y2MATE.WS Platform, the YTMP3.LAT Platform, the SAVEFROM.SPACE Platform and any other Y2MATE, YTMP3 or SAVEFROM branded platform under their authority or control.

- 4. The John Doe Respondents, by themselves or by their employees, representatives and agents, or by any company, partnership, trust, entity or person under their authority or control, or with which they are associated or affiliated, are permanently enjoined and restrained, directly or indirectly, from:
 - (a) developing, operating, maintaining, promoting or providing support to the Y2MATE.WS Platform, the YTMP3.LAT Platform, the SAVEFROM.SPACE Platform and any other Y2MATE, YTMP3 or SAVEFROM branded platform or any other similar service;

 - (b) operating, maintaining, updating, hosting, or promoting the Internet domains and subdomains from which the Y2MATE.WS Platform, the YTMP3.LAT Platform, the SAVEFROM.SPACE Platform and any other Y2MATE, YTMP3 or SAVEFROM branded platform are directly or

indirectly made available, including the Internet domains y2mate.ws, ytmp3.lat, savefrom.space and spowload.cc, or any other domain, subdomain or website hosting, promoting, or providing similar services, or directing any third parties to engage in the foregoing;

(c) or otherwise:

- i. reproducing the Applicants' Sound Recordings;
- ii. authorizing the reproduction of the Applicants' Sound Recordings;
- iii. inducing anyone to infringe the Applicants' right to reproduce the Applicants' Sound Recordings; or
- iv. enabling anyone to infringe the Applicants' right to reproduce the Applicants' Sound Recordings.

5. Service of the Notice of Application upon the John Doe Respondents is hereby validated.

6. Any of the John Doe Respondents may seek to stay, vary, or set aside this Judgment, or oppose on any basis any other related or similar Judgment or Order sought by any of the Applicants or any other party.

7. At the request of the Applicants, Fido Solutions Inc is hereby removed as a Third Party Respondent with immediate effect, and the style of cause is amended accordingly.

8. Costs are awarded to the Applicants against the John Doe Respondents in an amount to be quantified at a future date, upon request of the Applicants.

9. No costs are awarded against the Third Party Respondents.

“Simon Fothergill”

Judge