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COURT CONVICTS DEFENDANTS IN THE PIRATE BAY CASE

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN — A court in Stockholm today convicted the four defendants of copyright offences in ‘The Pirate Bay Trial’ and sentenced each to one year’s imprisonment. Substantial damages were also awarded against them.

The criminal prosecution saw the four defendants charged with contributing to copyright infringement by facilitating the illegal distribution of copyrighted material in relation to the unauthorized online distribution service, The Pirate Bay, in a trial which began on February 16th.

In a press statement issued this morning the court stated that the verdict reflects that The Pirate Bay operations have been conducted “commercially and in an organized manner”.

Following the announcement of this morning’s decision, MPAA Chairman and CEO Dan Glickman said.

“We welcome the court’s decision today because The Pirate Bay is a source of immense damage to the creative industries in Sweden and internationally. This is an important decision for rights-holders, underlining their right to have their creative works protected against illegal exploitation and to be fairly rewarded for their endeavors. This decision will help to support the continued investment in talent and in new online services, and the creation of new films and television shows for enjoyment by audiences around the world.”

The MPAA remains committed to its core mission of encouraging and pursuing common sense solutions that support the creativity of the motion picture industry and offer film fans the widest possible choice of movies and TV programs to enjoy.

About the MPAA

The Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) serves as the voice and advocate of the American motion picture, home video and television industries from its offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. Its members include: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures

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