

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 28 PM 2: 38 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

Daniel Wallace,

Plaintiff,

v.

1:05-cv-0618-JDT-TAB Civil Complaint No.

Free Software

Foundation Inc.,

Defendant.

## COMPLAINT WITH REQUEST FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

### INTRODUCTION

This action is brought for injunctive relief, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. sec. 26, in a matter relating to the restraint of trade by way of a contract licensing scheme to artificially fix prices of computer software products.

#### JURISDICTION

This Court has federal jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. sec. 1337(a).

#### STANDING

Plaintiff Daniel Wallace has standing for commencement of this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. sec. 26 also known as the Clayton Act.

#### **PARTIES**

Plaintiff Daniel Wallace is a citizen and resident of Hamilton County in the State of Indiana with mailing address:

Daniel Wallace

P.O. Box 572

New Palestine, IN 46163

Defendant FREE SOFTWARE FOUNDATION INC. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization based in the State of Maine with mailing address:

Free Software Foundation

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#### VENUE

Venue for this action is established pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(a)2.

A substantial number of events concerning this complaint for price-fixing of computer software occurred in the Southern District of Indiana. These events occurred through the sale and distribution of software products at many nationally syndicated retail outlet locations such as Best Buys and CompUSA stores and through nationally

syndicated retail bookstore outlets such as Barnes and

Noble as well as downloading of computer software products

by way of multiple Internet connections located in this

District.

## COMPLAINT

The Defendant FREE SOFTWARE FOUNDATION INC. has entered into contracts and otherwise conspired and agreed with individual software authors and commercial distributors of commodity software products such as Red Hat Inc. and Novell Inc. to artificially fix the prices charged for computer software programs through the promotion and use of an adhesion contract that was created, used and promoted since at least the year 1991 by the FREE SOFTWARE FOUNDATION INC. This license is known as the GNU GENERAL PUBLIC LICENSE.

The price fixing scheme implemented with the use of the GNU GENERAL PUBLIC LICENSE substantially lessens the ability of individual software authors to compete in a free market through the creation, sale and distribution of computer software programs.

# DAMAGES

The Defendant Daniel Wallace is educated in the art and science of physics and computer programming. The Defendant's ability to work and create commercial computer

programs is dependent upon a market free of restraints on trade through price-fixing schemes. The rapid adoption of the GNU GENERAL PUBLIC LICENSE in schemes to deflate or eliminate the free market valuation of computer programs threatens to diminish or destroy the ability of the Defendant to earn future revenues in the career field of computer programming.

# REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The Defendant respectfully requests the Court grant a permanent injunction prohibiting the promotion or use of the GNU GENERAL PUBLIC LICENSE by the FREE SOFTWARE FOUNDATION INC. to artificially control the the pricing of computer software programs in the course of commerce conducted in the United States.

Dated this 2

\_\_ day of April, 2005

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