

German court raises doubts about porn piracy case

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A regional court in Germany says it may have slipped up in a case that saw thousands of Internet users receive copyright infringement claims for watching pornography online.

The Cologne court says it examined complaints from dozens of people who received warning letters from a Swiss-based company demanding €250 (\$340) for allegedly watching pirated porn on a video streaming website.

Legal experts say the court should never have granted The Archive AG's request to identify the users, because it failed to establish that they had breached German copyright law.

The court said in a statement Friday that the complaints had raised "considerable" doubts about the legal procedure, though a final decision isn't expected until January.

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