Man Claims to Own Bluetooth, Scores $15.7M Verdict Against Samsung

A federal court jury in Marshall, Texas, found in favor of Rembrandt IP in a patent infringement case, finding that Samsung's Bluetooth-enabled products, including its most popular cell phones, tablets, and televisions, infringe Gordon Bremer's patents.

The patents relate to compatibility between different types of modems, and connect to a string of applications going back to 1997. The first version of Bluetooth was invented by Swedish cell phone company Ericsson in 1994.

Bremer stands to get 2.5 percent of the $15.7 million verdict [PDF] won by his employer, Rembrandt IP, one of the oldest and most successful "patent trolls," reports Ars Technica.

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