Spotify Hit With $1.6B Copyright Suit Over Tom Petty, Neil Young Songs



Tom Petty
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A music publishing company has filed a lawsuit in California federal court that alleges that Spotify is using tens of thousands of popular songs without a license and compensation, reports ***Billboard***.

Reporter **Eriq Gardner** writes that Wixen Music Publishing is seeking damages worth at least $1.6 billion plus injunctive relief.

The report says Wixen administers song compositions by Tom Petty, Zach De La Rocha and Tom Morello of Rage Against the Machine, The Black Keys' Dan Auerbach, Steely Dan's Donald Fagen, Weezer's Rivers Cuomo, David Cassidy, Neil Young, Sonic Youth's Kim Gordon, Stevie Nicks, and many others.

During 2017, Spotify was hit by lawsuits from some other songwriters.

Read the *Billboard* article.