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## PREMIER LEAGUE WELCOMES HIGH COURT FOREIGN SATELLITE RULING

The Premier League today welcomed the High Court's decision to dismiss, on all points of law, Karen Murphy's appeal against her conviction at Portsmouth Crown Court for the illegal use of foreign satellite systems to broadcast live Premier League matches.

Premier League spokesman, Dan Johnson, said: "We are extremely pleased that the High Court has endorsed the judgments of the Crown and Magistrate Courts as well as the position consistently presented by the Premier League and Media Protection Services to the licensed trade.

"We hope that publicans and others will now heed the decisions of the Courts and accept that the use of foreign satellite systems to screen Premier League football in the UK is copyright theft, pure and simple.

"It has never been our desire to prosecute individual licensees, but where the law has been repeatedly ignored we have been left with little choice but to seek recourse to the Courts. This will remain the case going forward. We will also continue our actions against the suppliers of illegal foreign satellite systems, and would welcome any information from the trade regarding either of these activities."

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