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To whom it may concern:

Re: the photograph titled Jimi Hendrix Smoking London 1967 by Gered Mankowitz

I am the photographer who shot the above image which appears on your website:

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/
File:Jimi_Hendrix_by_Gered_Mankowitz_1967.jpg?uselang=en-gb](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Jimi_Hendrix_by_Gered_Mankowitz_1967.jpg?uselang=en-gb)

Jimi came to my studio at Mason's Yard, London in 1967 and I shot several rolls of black & white photographs. My authorship of these images has been recognised and acknowledged over the past 49 years and I retain the copyright through my company Bowstir Ltd.

These images are not available as copyright free images and I have no idea how or why they have been uploaded to your Site and presented as such.

However, I have recently been embroiled in a long-running legal case regarding the abuse of my copyright by a French company who used the image illegally to promote their products. Last year the judgement went against us and the case has gone to appeal and will be heard later this month.

For some reason I believe that one of your contributors, aware of this legal action, has concluded that the image is therefore copyright free and available through your Site.

This is absolutely not the situation and the up-loader has come to a completely erroneous conclusion, and decided to upload my image.

I would ask you to remove the image forthwith.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

[signature redacted]

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