

Saturday, February 23, 2008

### Wikileaks continues at .cx domain.

Computer hard drive. (Image from Pacific Northwest Laboratory's website). On February 15, 2008, a federal trial judge in San Francisco ordered that wikileaks.org be closed. Although wikileaks.org no longer functions -- after its sitehost apparently carried out the judge's order to close down the site -- wikileaks.cx (.cx is the Christmas Island domain) appears to be a mirror of wikileaks.org, operating with full force. After the injunction was ordered, Wikileaks vowed to defy the judge's injunction order. This permanent injunction order against Wikileaks (the case docket is here) apparently came about just nineteen days after a lawsuit was filed against Wikileaks. That sounds like too short a time period to give the defendants a fair chance to receive and review the lawsuit (the injunction motion is here), to hire counsel, and to be heard. Hopefully Wikileaks will obtain an attorney to try to overturn this court order that was issued when the defendants were unrepresented. ADDENDUM: Thanks to Windypundit for correctly pointing out that Wikileaks.org was made inactive not by a sitehost, but by its domain registrar Dynadot. As of March 1, 2008, the site is running again. Jon Katz.

Posted by Jon Katz in First Amendment at 19:00

If I'm reading this stuff right, it wasn't the site's host that carried out the Judge's order, it was the company that managed the domain name. The hosting service for Wikileaks is a company called PRQ, and they're located in Sweden, so I don't think they have to obey a U.S. judge. I try to explain the technology a bit here:

[http://www.windypundit.com/archives/2008/02/the\\_difference\\_between\\_a\\_websi.html](http://www.windypundit.com/archives/2008/02/the_difference_between_a_websi.html)  
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An updated version of the docket, with links to documents is available from Justia:

[http://dockets.justia.com/docket/court-candce/case\\_no-3:2008cv00824/case\\_id-200125/](http://dockets.justia.com/docket/court-candce/case_no-3:2008cv00824/case_id-200125/)  
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