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C-SPAN PREVIEW MUSIC COPYRIGHT CASE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

--Rap Music Group 2 Live Crew Defends Rights to Fair Use--

Washington, D.C., October 26, 1993 -- On Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7:00 pm ET/4:00 pm/PT C-SPAN's "America and the Courts" will preview a U.S. Supreme Court case involving the rap music group 2 Live Crew and Acuff-Rose Music Inc. The case is based on the "fair use" provision in copyright law and will be heard by the High Court on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

The litigation resulted from an album released in 1989 by 2 Live Crew which included a parody of the song "Oh, Pretty Woman" co-authored by Roy Orbison and William Dees, who assigned their copyright to Acuff-Rose.

Acuff-Rose argues that 2 Live Crew willfully infringed and commercially exploited the copyright with the song they titled "Pretty Woman."

C-SPAN will air interviews that will give viewers an opportunity to learn about the case's impact on the music industry and on copyright law.

"This is an effort to bring to life decisions by the Supreme Court that affect our viewers," said producer Beryl Anderson.

"America and the Courts" airs Saturdays at 7:00 pm ET/4:00 pm PT to give viewers a look at the issues and personalities shaping the American judicial system.

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