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Sophie Where am I going? 2302 Posts

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 17:49:18

look what i just found on eBay! 🤪 Dusty's last phone bill:



http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/DUSTY-SPRINGFIELD-Her-Last-Telephone-Bill-April-1999_W0QQitemZ290052233677QQihZ0190QcategoryZ50QQrdZ10QcmdZViewItem

allherfaces Administrator 5 stars

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 17:52:59



"Yesterday's gone. Love lead me on." ~Roll Away



USA 14235 Posts

Fraser Little by little 1 star

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 17:56:56

With proceeds going to the Celia Hammond Animal Trust.

Not sure I like the sound of this. The further pages of the bill (and it says there are six of them) will contain the numbers dialled. Imagine some obsessive fan getting hold of the bill with the numbers on it.....

Fraser

allherfaces Administrator 5 stars

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 18:02:46

Exactly.

"Yesterday's gone. Love lead me on." ~Roll Away



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daydreamer Moderator 4 stars

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 18:21:35

Good grief! I don't like this at all for the reasons Fraser gives, even if it is for charity. I guess 7 years on people's numbers may have changed but then mine hasn't in that time, so I think it's a weird thing to be doing and not ethically right.

Carole x



United Kingdom 5404 Posts

Tim
Where am I going?
☆☆☆

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 19:11:06



Bang on there, Carole

Grrrrr

T x



United Kingdom
3422 Posts

Cas19
Wasn't born to follow
☆☆☆☆☆

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 19:15:50



That's not someone's brightest idea even if it is for charity...annoying and dangerous.

Casx

Edited by - Cas19 on 19/11/2006 19:16:25



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Gypsy Rose Lee
I'll try anything
☆☆

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 19:21:13

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1535 Posts

This is disgusting. Can't a person have some damn privacy in life and DEATH????!!!

Preach on, Sister Carole!!!

Love,
Ro



Fraser
Little by little
★

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 19:36:21

United Kingdom
695 Posts

It says the buyer's identity will be kept private - for their sake - as well.

Not a good move, even if it will benefit a charity.

Are there no rules about what can be sold on ebay?

Fraser



MattMidd1
I've got a good thing
☆☆☆☆☆

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 20:03:37

United Kingdom
4270 Posts

I think people shouldn't be allowed to get hold of these things. 🙄

Matt.



Jane
Little by little
★

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 20:10:58

United Kingdom
239 Posts

I wonder if it is authentic? Don't you find it strange that it's photographed at a peculiar angle?

I share everyone's horror if this is for real. What a crazy world we live in - they are happy to keep certain identities private - I wonder if that means all the details on the bill will also be blanked out! I bet not.

Six pages on a phone bill that only amounts to just over £100 seems to me to be also a little strange. Coincidentally, my Mum died around the same time and I've got her last phone bill (April 1999) and my own that covers my last calls to her (Up to June 1999, all kept because I simply can't get rid!). Her bill for the period was not far short of £90 and mostly local calls so you would expect more pages. Only 3 pages long though. I only make these comments because it just doesn't seem to add up somehow.

Janie xx

Edited by - Jane on 19/11/2006 20:11:23



paula
Moderator
★★★★★

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 20:11:46

yeah, definitely going a little too far!



USA
5012 Posts

Fraser
Little by little
★

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 20:17:30

Dusty may have had all sorts of "extras" added on to her bill. Remember they list "Friends & Family" calls separately and so on. There may have been some of that - so that may add to the number of pages. I agree that under £100 seems low tho. And you can't see the name on the bill - maybe that's to protect the address of the house - or maybe it's fishy - who knows?

Either way - fishy or not - it stinks of something!

Fraser



Sophie
Where am I going?
★★★

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 20:41:52

i agree with all your comments; i think it's a complete invasion of Dusty [and the people who she called]'s privacy, and the person selling it should not be allowed to do so. maybe one of us should file a complaint to eBay, and ask them to remove the item?

either that, or we should see if Pat, Simon or someone would be able to buy it - then at least it would be in safe hands. i just hate to think that just anybody could get hold of such personal information - it's really not fair on Dusty.



Fraser
Little by little
★

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 21:51:39

I think the complaint to ebay would be the best thing.

I don't see why Pat or Simon should have to pay out to protect Dusty's privacy - you never know where that sort of thing will end if you start doing it.

Maybe we should try and get Vicki to do it - she's made enough out of Dusty since she passed away to keep her going for the rest of her life. Oh, I forgot - she doesn't have a conscience does she?

Fraser

Edited by - Fraser on 19/11/2006 23:39:53



Sophie
Where am I going?
★★★

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 21:59:11

that's a good point, Fraser - i don't think Pat, Simon or anybody else should have to pay to protect Dusty's privacy, either. i just want to make sure that some crazed stalker doesn't get hold of such personal information

maybe if a few of us filed complaints to eBay, that would work - but i've heard that eBay aren't always that prompt at dealing with complaints..



Jane
Little by little
★

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 22:21:21

If you are registered with e-Bay you can ask a question of the seller. Is anybody registered who would be prepared to contact the seller?

Janie xx



Fraser

Little by little

United Kingdom
695 Posts

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 23:20:23

Right, I've done it. Hope it's not too patronising and hectoring. The text of it is below.

Hi.

I noticed your item of Dusty Springfield's last phone bill for sale.

I realise the proceeds are going to charity - and to try to raise money for the animal sanctuary Dusty supported is a very laudable thing to do.

One thing I am concerned about is that you say the bill contains 6 pages. I assume the subsequent pages (other than the first one) will contain all the usual information of all the numbers dialled.

If so, then I have to say that I don't think this is necessarily such a good idea. There are obsessive fans out there who may try and buy this item to try and get hold of these numbers (many of which haven't probably changed ownership since 1999).

I just thought this was something you should bear in mind - in case it was something you hadn't already considered.

Thanks.

Fraser

**Sophie**

Where am I going?



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Posted - 19/11/2006 : 23:30:36

thanks for doing that, Fraser - you worded it well. 😊 please tell us if/when the seller replies.. thanks.

**Fraser**

Little by little

United Kingdom
695 Posts

Posted - 19/11/2006 : 23:32:13

I will do. I think we should give them the benefit of the doubt - that they've done it in all innocence.

I'll let you know what they say.

Fraser

Edited by - Fraser on 19/11/2006 23:33:20

**allherfaces**

Administrator



Posted - 20/11/2006 : 00:16:47

Thanks for following through on this Fraser. Let's hope for a positive response.

"Yesterday's gone. Love lead me on."
~Roll Away

USA
14235 Posts**Birdie Breeze**

Little by little

USA
248 Posts

Posted - 20/11/2006 : 06:53:56

FYI

I would not assume that she made any of the calls.

I would assume that Simon Bell made most of them, as well as her nursing staff.

Cheers

Birdie

Edited by - Birdie Breeze on 20/11/2006 06:54:36



Jane

Little by little



United Kingdom
239 Posts

Posted - 20/11/2006 : 09:03:50

Well done Fraser, many thanks...it could be a wonderfully well intentioned gesture and as you say done in all innocence.

I also had the same thought re the calls Birdie, but of course it still means that the potential is there for some 'nuisance' calls.

As I keep saying, funny old world, folks!!

Janie xx



Fraser

Little by little



United Kingdom
695 Posts

Posted - 20/11/2006 : 11:56:38

Well, I got the response we wanted first thing this morning. She said:

"Dear Fraser, I have taken note of your very valid point and removed the 6 pages. Thanks"

It's only the first page that's for sale now - and the message about their being 6 pages has been removed from the ebay site.

Birdie - I realise she possibly wouldn't have made many of the calls - if she was ill, she probably wouldn't have felt like calling a lot of people - and that the calls would have been from Simon or the nursing staff. My problem was that the period concerned covered the night she died - and there would probably have been a lot of calls made that night to close friends. If the bill had fallen into the hands of an obsessive fan - it could have made trouble for Dusty's "inner circle", if they still have the same phone numbers as they did in 1999 (and, if they haven't moved house since - in all probability they will, as people don't tend to change their phone numbers in the UK unless they have to).

There may have been a greater number of incoming calls to the number during this period - but they don't show up on the bill anyway - so that wouldn't be a problem.

I have to say, I find it all a little macabre - but am not really THAT surprised by it all.

Anyway, things seem to have sorted themselves - and the remaining pages have been taken off the listing of what's for sale.

Oh - and I've just noticed, that was my 600th post!

Fraser

Edited by - Fraser on 20/11/2006 11:57:22



Jane

Little by little



United Kingdom
239 Posts

Posted - 20/11/2006 : 12:13:11

That is good news.

Janie xx



dusty_freak

I've got a good thing



Posted - 20/11/2006 : 12:25:15

I don't reckon it's real. It's probably fake like half the stuff on Ebay!!

Luv, Not A Fan Of Ebay xoxo



Australia
5805 Posts

Sophie

Where am I going?



Posted - 20/11/2006 : 14:07:28

2302 Posts

thanks for telling us about the seller's reply, Fraser 😊 i'm glad they took note of your request & removed the 6 pages.

P.S. well done for reaching 600 posts! 🏆



allherfaces
Administrator
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Posted - 20/11/2006 : 15:52:52

Good suggestion, Janie; well done, Fraser on following through.



"Yesterday's gone. Love lead me on."
~Roll Away



USA
14235 Posts

Corinna
Forum Admin
★★★★★

Posted - 20/11/2006 : 16:24:55

Just caught up on this thread. I find it a bit macabre that somebody saved the paper for such a long time, and now sells it. *brrrrr*



But I know I'm not the only one on here with that feeling.

Cor xx



Sweden
6080 Posts

Birdie Breeze
Little by little
★

Posted - 20/11/2006 : 18:27:56

Fraser,

That's terrific!!!

The whole thing is rather strange.....

Also, Simon was online there, so....

That cut down on calls, too...

I'm sure he will be most happy.

Cheers

Birdie

<http://www.myspace.com/birdiebreeze>



Fraser
Little by little
★

Posted - 20/11/2006 : 21:20:05

I sent a reply back to the person selling the item on ebay:

"Thanks for your reply regarding the item. I was just a little concerned that some personal telephone numbers would be disclosed to some people who really shouldn't have them. There is a potential for nuisance and crank calls if those numbers were to be disclosed.

Thanks again,

Fraser



Mark
I've got a good thing
★★★★★

Posted - 20/11/2006 : 22:25:11

quote:

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Cor xx



United Kingdom
5309 Posts

Absolutely Corinna, why has this bill come to light almost eight years after Dusty's passing?

It all seems somewhat fishy to me, and I'm intrigued as to how it came into the hands of the seller who lives in a town not far from Henley, phone bills aren't exactly a souvenir, it should have shredded.....still, at least the proceeds are going to a worthy cause, that's the one good thing about all this I suppose.

Mark



Gypsy Rose Lee

I'll try anything
★★

USA
1535 Posts

Posted - 21/11/2006 : 15:34:00

Am I the only one who noticed that this bill is from April 1999 - meaning most and/or all of these calls were made in March... don't want to be a downer but think about March 2, 1999...🌐

R



Tim

Where am I going?
★★★



Posted - 21/11/2006 : 15:39:02

It's totally gross, putting it up for sale for ANY reason.

T



United Kingdom
3422 Posts

Jane

Little by little
★

United Kingdom
239 Posts

Posted - 21/11/2006 : 16:13:05

quote:

Originally posted by Gypsy Rose Lee

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R

The final bill will be the one presented to the estate of the deceased for payment - disregarding any of the obvious privacy issues it was a very ill judged action to put this item up for sale particularly bearing in mind the period it covered IMHO. It would seem that although there was no intent for personal financial gain, the proceeds going to the Celia Hammond Trust, no where near enough thought was given to the implications of the sale. Last time I looked it was still on e-bay.

I think the lady should buy it from herself and make the donation directly to the trust. Problem solved!

On a lighter note, if anybody would care to 'buy' my last phone bill I would be eternally grateful! 🙏

Janie xx

Edited by - Jane on 21/11/2006 16:13:56



Gypsy Rose Lee
I'll try anything
☆☆

USA
1535 Posts

Posted - 21/11/2006 : 16:22:13

Hi, Jane

I'll pass on your phone bill, thank you. However, I must agree with you on the rest of your post... it's disgusting. One can only hope that her market is limited to true Dusty fans and nobody bids on it... or, one of us may have to make the top bid just to tear up the damn thing!

Love,
Ro



allherfaces
Administrator
☆☆☆☆☆



USA
14235 Posts

Posted - 21/11/2006 : 17:11:31

I think we've said all that needs to be said on this topic, but, hey I've been wrong before.

"Yesterday's gone. Love lead me on."
~Roll Away



Gypsy Rose Lee
I'll try anything
☆☆

USA
1535 Posts

Posted - 21/11/2006 : 17:14:06

Sorry, Nancy - I'm going to buy the damn thing just to keep it out of the hands of the INFIDELS!

Love,
Ro

Sometimes Like Butterflies - Most Times Like Caterpillars!



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