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**From:** Dread Pirate Roberts  
**To:** NorCal420HookUp  
**Subject:** account status

NorCal,

My representative tells me he's having trouble communicating with you, so I'll be handling your case personally. I reviewed your correspondence so far and I'd like to make a couple of points to clarify why you've lost your selling privileges.

From the Seller's Guide:

"Do not create listings that instruct customers to pay outside of escrow, or are used for any purpose other than to list an item to be sold for the listed price using the site checkout system. If you instruct your buyers to pay you in any other way, or to contact you off-site, your seller privileges WILL be revoked."

You created a listing called "Listing for "Other" transactions" with a price of zero and proceeded to accept payment directly to your account. Hopefully that clears up why your account was suspended. Normally that would be the end of it and your only option would be to sell your wares elsewhere or start over with a new account. However, we've recently started a second chance program where you can have your account back if you pay for the commissions we lost and of course abide by the Seller's Guide from now on.

Regarding your claim that you don't owe this and deserve your account back because Silk Road experienced down-time, defacement, and is operated on the Tor network. This is not the case. You do not have a right to the business I generate for you through Silk Road. Your status as a vendor here is a privileged that is contingent on you following the rules, which you have not. You can either accept my second chance and play by the rules from now on, start over with a new account, or go elsewhere.

Regarding your threats, they are unprofessional and do not phase me one bit. I will overlook them as an emotional response to an overwhelming situation and AGAIN, give you a second chance to repair your relationship with me and get your account in good standing.

If I get any response from you that isn't cordial and in compliance with what I have told you you need to do to get your vendor privileges back, your account will remain suspended permanently. Hopefully we can put this behind us and have a fresh start in 2013.

-DPR

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