My only source of income is my artwork. I have been a freelance artist for almost 2 years. I have a degree in design and worked for many years designing clothing and products for companies. I recently decided to go back to school online at considerable expense to become a freelance graphic artist.
The copyright law is not an abstract legal issue but the sole basis on which my business rests. My livelihood is the artwork that I license
Infringing on my work is no different than stealing directly from my bank account. It is important not only to my bank account but to me as an artist that I decide how what I create is used. My work appears in public, in publication, and on social media as a way to Brand myself and in now way is it for people to use freely and infringe upon my rights to their benefit.