

Title: Cost of a Naked Short vs. a legal short?

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Everyone here looks at the Cost to Borrow (CTB) and short interest, but kind of a dumb question...

What is the cost of illegally naked shorting a stock? We suspect (probably correctly) that they are naked shorting shares of GameStop, since the legitimate short interest doesn't seem to match anything you'd expect to see?

Remember... every buyer has a seller. If Institutions were selling shares, their 10-Qs would SHOW it. They don't. Best case is that they are selling them back and forth to each other to drop the price and disguise the lack of share availability... but RETAIL is being sold synthetics ... so, those have to be naked short?

What does a naked short position look like on a short's P&L;?