## Before the **Federal Communications Commission** Washington, D.C. 20554

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## FORFEITURE ORDER

Adopted: March 24, 2011 Released: March 25, 2011

By the Regional Director, South Central Region, Enforcement Bureau:

- 1 In this Forfeiture Order ("Order"), we issue a monetary forfeiture in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to Vincent E. Aversa, Jr. ("Mr. Aversa") for willful and repeated violations of section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act") and section 80.13 of the Commission's rules ("Rules"). The noted violations involve Mr. Aversa's operation of radio transmission equipment without a license on the International Distress, Safety, and Calling Channel ("Marine Safety Channel 16").<sup>2</sup>
- On February 8, 2011, the Enforcement Bureau's Tampa Office ("Tampa Office") issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture ("NAL") in the amount of \$20,000 to Mr. Aversa. Mr. Aversa has not filed a response to the NAL. Based on the information before us, we affirm the forfeiture.
- ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 503(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 0.111, 0.204, 0.311 and 1.80(f)(4) of the Commission's Rules, Vincent E. Aversa IS LIABLE FOR A MONETARY FORFEITURE in the amount of \$20,000 for violations of section 301 of the Act and section 80.13 of the Rules.<sup>6</sup>
- Payment of the forfeiture shall be made in the manner provided for in section 1.80 of the Rules within 30 days of the release of this Order. If the forfeiture is not paid within the period specified, the case may be referred to the Department of Justice for collection pursuant to section 504(a) of the Act.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The frequency 156.800 MHz, channel 16, is the international distress, safety, and calling channel. See 47 C.F.R. § 80.369(e)(3).

<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.204, 0.311, 1.80(f)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301; 47 C.F.R. § 80.13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Vincent E. Aversa, Jr., Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, DA 11-232 (Enf. Bur. Tampa Office, rel. Feb. 8, 2011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 503(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301; 47 C.F.R. § 80.13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 504(a).

Payment of the forfeiture must be made by check or similar instrument, payable to the order of the Federal Communications Commission. The payment must include the NAL/Account Number and FRN Number referenced above. Payment by check or money order may be mailed to Federal Communications Commission, P.O. Box 979088, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. Payment by overnight mail may be sent to U.S. Bank – Government Lockbox #979088, SL-MO-C2-GL, 1005 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63101. Payments by wire transfer may be made to ABA Number 021030004, receiving bank TREAS/NYC, and account number 27000001. For payment by credit card, an FCC Form 159 (Remittance Advice) must be submitted. FCC Form 159 may be obtained at <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form159/159.pdf">http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form159/159.pdf</a>. When completing the FCC Form 159, enter the NAL/Account number in block number 23A (call sign/other ID), and enter the letters "FORF" in block number 24A (payment type code). Requests for full payment under an installment plan should be sent to: Chief Financial Officer -- Financial Operations, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 1-A625, Washington, D.C. 20554. Please contact the Financial Operations Group Help Desk at 1-877-480-3201 or Email: <a href="mailto:ARINQUIRIES@fcc.gov">ARINQUIRIES@fcc.gov</a> with any questions regarding payment procedures. Mr. Aversa will also send electronic notification on the date said payment is made to SCR-Response@fcc.gov.

5. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this *Order* shall be sent by both First Class Mail and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested to Vincent E. Aversa at his address of record.

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Dennis P. Carlton Regional Director, South Central Region Enforcement Bureau