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NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

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The Norfolk Office received information that an unlicensed broadcast radio station on 100.1 MHz was allegedly operating in Winterville, North Carolina. On May 24, 2016, an agent from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 100.1 MHz were emanating from a FM two bay antenna located in the backyard of the property, 3969 Sterling Pointe Drive, Unit NNN-5, Winterville, North Carolina. During our email correspondence, you indicated that mail should be delivered to NC Praise Radio, PO Box 364 Grifton, NC 28530. Public records list you as the business owner. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station at this location on 100.1 MHz in Winterville, North Carolina.

Radio stations operating on many frequencies, including 100.1 MHz, must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 301. The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.1 *et seq.* On May 24, 2016, the field strength of the signal on frequency 100.1 MHz exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250 microvolts per meter ($\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$) at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station is operating in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 301.

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties, including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (See 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510.)

UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the FCC. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Ronald Ramage
Regional Director

Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended

Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet," March 2005

FCC Enforcement Advisory - Warning: Unauthorized Radio Broadcasting is Illegal, March 1, 2016