

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

November 10, 2016

Mr. Thomas M. Steckbauer
W348 S7361 Colonial Drive
Eagle, Wisconsin 53119

Re: **WARNING NOTICE**
Amateur Radio License KE9RY
EB-FIELDNER-16-00022929

Dear Mr. Steckbauer:

On Monday, November 7, 2016, you were heard by staff at the Commission's High Frequency Direction Finding Center (HFDF), using long range direction finding techniques, deliberately interfering with an ongoing QSO while operating on the frequency of 7200 kHz.

The Commission employee used direction finding equipment and confirmed the transmissions were coming from your location. The employee recorded the offending transmissions and provided undersigned counsel with recordings of the incident in question. Should you desire a copy of the recording, one will be made available to you.

Your operation as described above is contrary to the basis and purpose of the amateur radio service as set out in Section 97.1 and is a violation of Section 97.101(d) of the Commission's rules.¹ Section 97.101(d) states that “[n]o amateur operator shall willfully or maliciously interfere with or cause interference to any radio communication . . .” Please be advised that the Commission expects you to abide by its rules.

This letter serves as notice that, if operation of this type reoccurs after receipt of this letter, you could be subject to severe penalties, including license revocation, monetary forfeiture (fines),² or a modification proceeding to restrict the frequencies upon which you may operate.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.
Special Counsel
Spectrum Enforcement Division
Enforcement Bureau

¹ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 97.1 and 101(d).

² Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.