

**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

May 24, 2017

Mr. Joseph J. Italiano  
(Address withheld)  
(Address withheld)

Re: **WARNING NOTICE**  
Amateur Radio License AC9MV  
EB-FIELDNER-17-00024291

Dear Mr. Italiano:

On February 22, 2017, you were heard by staff at the Commission's High Frequency Direction Finding Center (HFDF), using long range direction finding techniques, deliberately talking over an ongoing QSO between two other amateurs 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.<sup>1</sup> 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),<sup>2</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 97.1 and 101(d).

<sup>2</sup> Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.