

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

October 4, 2017

Mr. Richard C. Simble
(Address withheld)
(Address withheld)

**Re: WARNING FOR UNLICENSED RADIO OPERATION
EB-FIELDNER-17-00025085**

Dear Mr. Simble:

It has come to the attention of the Federal Communications Commission that you have recently made radio transmissions in the amateur radio bands, for which a license is required. A search of the Commission's database indicates that you do not have a license. The complaint notes that you have been using the call sign KK4RQO to communicate. That call sign is licensed to Benjamin C. Ridings.

Operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid FCC authorization is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,¹ and may subject the responsible parties to substantial monetary forfeitures,² *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment.³ Because unlicensed operation creates a danger of interference to important radio communications services and may subject the operator to severe penalties, this warning emphasizes the importance of complying strictly with these legal requirements.

UNAUTHORIZED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST CEASE IMMEDIATELY.

You have ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this warning to respond to this office. The response must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to come into compliance with the Commission's rules and should include a time line for completion of pending corrective action(s). **You are directed to support your response with a signed and dated affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information submitted in your response.** Your response should be

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 301.

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

³ See §§ 401, 501, 503, 510.

sent to the following address: 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325 and reference the listed case number.

In an inquiry of this type we are required to notify you that under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), the Commission's staff will use all relevant information before it, including information you disclose in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is warranted in this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.
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Enforcement Bureau