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**BY UPS AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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Miami Gardens, Florida

**NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION**

Case Number: EB-FIELDSCR-18-00027309

The Miami Office of the Federal Communications Commission’s (Commission’s) Enforcement Bureau is investigating an unlicensed FM station operating on frequency 98.5 MHz. On May 3 and July 8, 2018, Agents from the Miami Office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 98.5 MHz were emanating from a residence on Northwest 158th Street in Miami Gardens, Florida. Florida property records indicate that you are the owner of this property. Agents observed that the station identified itself as “Da Pound FM.” The Commission’s records show that no license was issued for operation of a radio station at this location on 98.5 MHz in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Radio stations operating on a range of frequencies,[[1]](#footnote-2) including 98.5 MHz, must be licensed by the Commission pursuant to Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act).[[2]](#footnote-3) 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.[[3]](#footnote-4) The Agents found that the station at your property was operating at a power level that exceeds the level permitted by Part 15. The field strength of the signal on frequency 98.5 MHz was measured at levels exceeding the maximum permitted level of 250 microvolts per meter at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station is operating in violation of Section 301 of the Act.[[4]](#footnote-5)

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* seizure of the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment.[[5]](#footnote-6)

**UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY AND MUST NOT RESUME.**

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 Commission. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974,[[6]](#footnote-7) 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 the Commission’s rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

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Regional Director

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Federal Communications Commission

Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended

Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet"

1. 47 CFR § 73.201. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. 47 U.S.C. § 301. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. 47 CFR §§ 15.1 *et seq*. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. 47 U.S.C. § 301. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. *See* 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)