

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	File No.: EB-FIELDNER-21-00032664
Efrain Gonzalez)	NAL/Acct No.: 202532010002
Waterbury, Connecticut)	FRN: 0036494706
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FORFEITURE ORDER

Adopted: July 1, 2026

Released: July 2, 2026

By the Commission:

1. We impose a penalty of \$40,000 against Efrain Gonzalez (Gonzalez), for operating an unauthorized radio station on 89.1 MHz in Waterbury, Connecticut. Gonzalez has engaged in the illicit operation of an unauthorized radio station known as “Lapoerosa 89.1 FM.” Operating an unauthorized, or pirate, radio station is illegal under section 511 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Communications Act or Act),¹ and undermines the primary mission of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) to manage radio spectrum. Such illegal operations can interfere with licensed communications, including authorized broadcasts and communications by public safety entities. Moreover, such illegal operations pose a danger to the public because they interfere with licensed stations that inform their listeners of important public safety messages, including Emergency Alert System transmissions that provide vital information regarding weather and other dangers to the public.²

2. On January 8, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture proposing a \$40,000 forfeiture against Gonzalez for apparent willful and knowing violations of section 511 of the Act by engaging in pirate radio broadcasting on March 26 and April 23, 2024.³ Gonzalez has not filed a response to the *NAL*.⁴ We incorporate by reference herein, affirm, and adopt as final all of our tentative findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the *NAL* and affirm the forfeiture proposed in the *NAL*.⁵

3. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to section 511 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 511, and section 1.80 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 1.80, Efrain Gonzalez is **LIABLE FOR A MONETARY FORFEITURE** in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for willfully and knowingly violating section 511 of the Act.

4. Payment of the forfeiture shall be made in the manner provided for in section 1.80 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 1.80, within thirty (30) calendar days after the release of this Forfeiture

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 511.

² See *Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission’s Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System*, Report and Order, 37 FCC Rcd 11844, 11845, para. 4 (2022).

³ See *Efrain Gonzalez, Waterbury, Connecticut*, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, 40 FCC Rcd 725 (2025) (*NAL*); 47 U.S.C. § 511. The *NAL* includes a more complete discussion of the facts and history of this case and is incorporated herein by reference.

⁴ On January 13, 2025, a copy of the *NAL* was sent to Gonzalez by first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested. The certified mailing was claimed, and the first class mail was not returned.

⁵ Any entity that is a “Small Business Concern” as defined in the Small Business Act (Pub. L. 85-536, as amended) may avail itself of rights set forth in that Act, including rights set forth in 15 U.S.C. § 657, “Oversight of Regulatory Enforcement,” in addition to other rights set forth herein.

Order. Gonzalez shall send electronic notification of payment to the Office of the Field Director, Enforcement Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, at field@fcc.gov on the date said payment is made. If the forfeiture is not paid within the period specified, the case may be referred to the U.S. Department of Justice for enforcement of the forfeiture pursuant to section 504(a) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 504(a).

5. In order for Gonzalez to pay the proposed forfeiture, Gonzalez shall notify the Office of the Field Director at field@fcc.gov of his intent to pay, whereupon an invoice will be posted in the Commission's Registration System (CORES) at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>. Payment of the forfeiture must be made by credit card using CORES at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>, ACH (Automated Clearing House) debit from a bank account, or by wire transfer from a bank account. The Commission no longer accepts forfeiture payments by check or money order. Below are instructions that payors should follow based on the form of payment selected:⁶

- Payment by wire transfer must be made to ABA Number 021030004, receiving bank TREAS/NYC, and Account Number 27000001. In the OBI field, enter the FRN(s) captioned above and the letters "FORF." In addition, a completed Form 159⁷ or printed CORES form⁸ must be faxed to the Federal Communications Commission at 202-418-2843 or e-mailed to RROGWireFaxes@fcc.gov on the same business day the wire transfer is initiated. Failure to provide all required information in Form 159 or CORES may result in payment not being recognized as having been received. When completing FCC Form 159 or CORES, enter the Account Number in block number 23A (call sign/other ID), enter the letters "FORF" in block number 24A (payment type code), and enter in block number 11 the FRN(s) captioned above (Payor FRN).⁹ For additional detail and wire transfer instructions, go to <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/wire-transfer>.
- Payment by credit card must be made by using CORES at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>. To pay by credit card, log in using the FCC Username associated to the FRN captioned above. If payment must be split across FRNs, complete this process for each FRN. Next, select "Manage Existing FRNs | FRN Financial | Bills & Fees" from the CORES Menu, then select FRN Financial and the view/make payments option next to the FRN. Select the "Open Bills" tab and find the bill number associated with the NAL Acct. No. The bill number is the NAL Acct. No. with the first two digits excluded (e.g., NAL 1912345678 would be associated with FCC Bill Number 12345678). After selecting the bill for payment, choose the "Pay by Credit Card" option. Please note that there is a \$24,999.99 limit on credit card transactions.
- Payment by ACH must be made by using CORES at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>. To pay by ACH, log in using the FCC Username associated to the FRN captioned above. If payment must be split across FRNs, complete this process for each FRN. Next, select "Manage Existing FRNs | FRN Financial | Bills & Fees" on the CORES Menu, then select FRN Financial and the view/make payments option next to the FRN. Select the "Open Bills" tab and find the bill number associated with the NAL Acct. No. The bill number is the NAL Acct. No. with the first two digits excluded (e.g., NAL 1912345678 would be associated with FCC Bill Number 12345678). Finally, choose the "Pay from Bank Account" option. Please contact the appropriate financial institution to confirm the correct Routing Number and the correct account number from which

⁶ For questions regarding payment procedures, please contact the Financial Operations Group Help Desk by phone at 1-877-480-3201 (option #6).

⁷ FCC Form 159 is accessible at <https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/fcc-remittance-advice-form-159>.

⁸ Information completed using the Commission's Registration System (CORES) does not require the submission of an FCC Form 159. CORES is accessible at <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>.

⁹ Instructions for completing the form may be obtained <http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form159/159.pdf>.

payment will be made and verify with that financial institution that the designated account has authorization to accept ACH transactions.

6. Any request for making full payment over time under an installment plan should be sent to: Chief Financial Officer – Financial Operations, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20554. Questions regarding payment procedures should be directed to the Financial Operations Group Help Desk by telephone, 1-877-480-3201, or by e-mail, ARINQUIRIES@fcc.gov.

7. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Forfeiture Order shall be sent by first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Efrain Gonzalez at {[]} Seymour Street, Waterbury, Connecticut 06708.¹⁰

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary

¹⁰ Material that is set off by double brackets {[]} is confidential and is redacted from the public version of this document.