## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT BUREAU REGION TWO



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## NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

Case Number: EB-FIELDSCR-16-00023019 Document Number: W201732600004

On December 14, 2016, agents from this office confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 98.5 MHz were emanating from your residence on NE 30<sup>th</sup> Street in Pompano Beach, Florida. The Commission's records show that no license was issued for operation of a broadcast station at this location on 98.5 MHz in Pompano Beach, Florida.

Radio stations operating on many frequencies, including 98.5 MHz, must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 301. 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, 47 C.F.R. §§ 15.1 *et seq*. On December 14, 2016, the field strength of the signal on frequency 98.5 MHz exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250 microvolts per meter ( $\mu$ V/m) at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station is operating in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 301.

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization **or providing services and facilities incidental to the operation of an unlicensed radio transmitter** 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* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions including imprisonment. (*See* 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510.)

## UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

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 FCC. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case and document number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3), 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 FCC Rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

Ronald Ramage Regional Director

## Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet," March 2005