

DECLARATION OF LAWRENCE DELIA

Lawrence Delia declares:

- 1. I am Vice President & General Manager of Tribune Television New Orleans, Inc., licensee of television station WGNO, New Orleans, Louisiana. I have held this position since April 2002.
- 2. I submit this Declaration in response to the Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture, released January 25, 2008, which relates to the broadcast of the ABC Television Network's "NYPD Blue" episode that aired on February 25, 2003 (the "NYPD Blue Broadcast").
- 3. I cannot verify to a certainty that WGNO actually aired the NYPD Blue Broadcast. WGNO's 2003 program logs, which would serve as documentary proof of this matter, were destroyed by water damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. If WGNO had been given notice of this matter prior to that time, we could have checked the program logs and secured them for later reference.
- 4. I am familiar with the January 29, 2004 complaint e-mail sent to FCC Chairman Michael Powell by a writer whose name has been redacted, which was released to WGNO on February 4 and 5, 2008 in response to a Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request (the "Complaint Letter"). The Complaint Letter, dated more than 11 months after the NYPD Blue Broadcast, does not refer to WGNO. However, a response to an e-mail from the FCC staff in connection with the NYPD Blue Broadcast, which was produced in response to WGNO's FOIA request, does make reference to WGNO. The identity of the responding writer is redacted, so we cannot determine whether the person who responded to the FCC's e-mail was the complainant.
- 5. I had never seen the Complaint Letter until it was released in response to our FOIA request. Letters claiming that WGNO broadcasts are indecent would be brought to my attention due to their serious nature. The Complaint Letter, on its face, does not show that a copy was sent to the station.
- 6. WGNO has retained its viewer mail from calendar year 2003, outside the station's public inspection file. (They were among the station records that were not damaged in the hurricane.) At my direction, my assistant reviewed all of the 2003 viewer mail. The Complaint Letter was not in the file of 2003 viewer mail. Nor was there any other letter in that file claiming that "NYPD Blue" contained indecent material. Moreover, neither I nor the station's Programming Department coordinator, who also held that position in 2003, can recall receiving any complaints, in writing or by phone, about the content of "NYPD Blue" during 2003.
 - 7. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
 - 8. Executed on February 7, 2008 in Metairie, Louisiana.

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