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Public File

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Complaints & Political Programming Branch
Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Communications Act states, "Whoever utters any obscene, indecent, or profane language by means of radio communication shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than two years, or both."

In addition, the FCC has defined broadcast indecency as "language or material that, in context, depicts or describes, in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory organs or activities."

On February 1, 2004, between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm (CST), KOAM broadcast the "Super Bowl." The halftime show during the Super Bowl showed Janet Jackson's exposed breast, Jackson grabbing her breasts, Sean P. Diddy repeatedly fondling his crotch, striptease cheerleaders, gyrating transvestites, simulated sex, and Jackson and Justin Timberlake groping each other. This broadcast was patently offensive and violated contemporary community broadcast standards. I demand that each CBS station to be fined the maximum amount for each indecency violation.

I hereby request the Federal Communications Commission conduct an official investigation of television station KOAM in Pittsburg, KS for broadcast indecency.

Please notify me of the action taken regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,



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February 5, 2004

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Dear Ms. Sanders,

I received your copy of a letter you sent to the Federal Communications Commission. I have placed it in our Public File. I thought you might want to know that I agree with your position on the halftime show during the Superbowl. KOAM has joined with other CBS Affiliates around the country in informing CBS our disgust in the halftime show. We also point out in the letter our intention to fully cooperate with any investigation by the FCC on this matter.

It is unfortunate that the end provider of the broadcast, local CBS Affiliates, who had no knowledge or control of the halftime activities in question, are the ones many wish to punish. I imagine that everyone wants someone punished and local Affiliates may be the most visible target. I can only wonder if someone will see fit to blame the entertainers and the planners who perpetrated what so many saw. It could be that local Affiliates can't risk carrying live events anymore. Maybe that is what some will see as a viable solution. In any case, we feel as assaulted as you do by what came through our transmitter live from the network.

Thank you for the copy of your letter.

Sincerely,

Danny Thomas
President / General Manager
KOAM-TV