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## FCC Sends Message to Broadcasters on Indecency

by Pete Winn, associate editor, CITIZENLINK

### Regulator levies a multimillion-dollar fine.

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced Wednesday it was levying nearly \$4 million in fines for indecency on broadcast TV. The amount is a record-setter.

Altogether, the commission resolved more than 300,000 complaints -- and cited more than 50 programs -- for instances of indecency from 2002 to 2005.

FCC Chairman Kevin Martin was unapologetic for the vigorous enforcement.

"Congress has long prohibited the broadcasting of indecent and profane material and the courts have upheld challenges to these standards," he said. "But the number of complaints received by the commission has risen year after year. They have grown from hundreds, to hundreds of thousands. And the number of programs that trigger these complaints continues to increase, as well. I share the concerns of the public -- and of parents, in particular -- that are voiced in these complaints.

"I believe the Commission has a legal responsibility to respond to them and resolve them in a consistent and effective manner."

"(This) action was just the first in what will, hopefully, be many actions taken by the FCC against indecency," PTC Director of Corporate and Government Affairs Dan Isett told CitizenLink. "It certainly constitutes an assertive enforcement of the law."

"Opinion polls after opinion polls have repeatedly found that large majorities of adult Americans are offended by the glut of sex and vulgarity on TV," he said. "Parents in particular are also concerned about the effects that TV sex and vulgarity are having on children."

Hardest hit was CBS -- whose crime drama "Without a Trace" aired an episode depicting a teen orgy. More than \$3 million in fines was levied against Viacom -- the parent company of CBS.

"The reason why the 'Without a Trace' instance is particularly significant," Isett said, "is because it constitutes a show that was re-aired following a consent decree that Viacom signed with the FCC, where they promised to behave themselves and be better stewards of the public airwaves."

In other words, Isett said, just days after signing a legal document pledging to clean up their act -- even laying out a multipoint plan to ensure their compliance -- CBS blatantly re-aired the show, which had received thousands of indecency complaints when it originally aired a few months prior.

**Comment:** All I can say is it is about time. This is just a start, now maybe FCC will go after Pornographers as well. Ed.

## New Orleans Now Admits It Seized Firearms From Citizens

By Susan Jones CNSNews.com

A Second Amendment group calls it a "stunning reversal." After denying it for months, the City of New Orleans on Wednesday admitted that it does have a stockpile of firearms seized from private citizens in the days following Hurricane Katrina.

The city even took lawyers to the place where some 1,000 firearms are being stored.

"This is a very significant event," said attorney Dan Holliday, who represents National Rifle Association and the Second Amendment Foundation in an on-going lawsuit seeking to stop the city from seizing privately-owned firearms.

The city's disclosure came as attorneys for both sides prepared for a court hearing on a motion to hold the city in contempt. (On March 1, The Second Amendment Foundation and the National Rifle Association filed a motion to have New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin and Police Superintendent Warren Riley held in contempt of court for refusing to comply with an injunction to stop illegal gun confiscations and return all seized firearms to their rightful owners.)

"We're almost in disbelief," said Second Amendment Foundation Founder Alan Gottlieb on Wednesday. "For months, the city has maintained it did not have any guns in its possession that had been taken from people following the hurricane. Now our attorneys have seen the proof that New Orleans was less than honest with the court."

Under an agreement with the court, the hearing on the contempt motion has been delayed for two weeks, and during that time, the city reportedly will set up a process to return the guns to their lawful owners.

"While we are stunned at this complete reversal on the city's part, the important immediate issue is making sure gun owners get their property back," Gottlieb said.

"What happened in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina was an outrage," he added. "Equally disturbing is the fact that it apparently took a motion for contempt to force the city to admit what it had been denying for the past five months."

As Cybercast News Service reported in February, the National Rifle Association used images of law enforcement officers confiscating legally possessed firearms from New Orleans residents to rally conservatives at a recent conference in Washington.

National Rifle Association Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre urged people attending the Conservative Political Action Conference to "Remember New Orleans!"

**Comment:** NRA filed early on while the flood was going to stop them but they ignored the court for a long time. This is a victory for the Second Amendment. Ed.

## NOTES FROM THE FEDERALIST

"You and I must live within our means, but Washington politicians act as if they have absolutely no responsibility to do something as basic as paying their own way—to make sure they don't spend more than they have, confident that somebody else will foot the bill when the party ends." —Rebecca Hagelin

"Our government today is larger than it ever has been in history. Spending has grown more in the past five years than any time since Franklin Roosevelt was in the White House. And our leaders in Washington have created new entitlements for the first time in decades. Lyndon Johnson would be proud." —Steve Forbes

"Once born, a government program is nearly impossible to kill. That's mostly because politicians are spending our money and not their own." —Cal Thomas

"Simply put, Democrats believe they can ask voters to give them control of the legislative branch [in November] without revealing any sort of policy or plan to deal with the most pressing issue before the country today: the war in Iraq... Not only do Democrats not have a plan, they're proud of not having a plan." —Byron York

"Most of the world today not only is in denial concerning the truly appalling likely consequences of the rise of radical Islam, it often refuses to even accept unambiguous evidence of its existence." —Tony Blankley

**Comment:** These are some thoughts if you want to write to Mr. Bush, Senators Warner and Allen or your representative. Ed.

"'One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter.' That's a catchy phrase but also misleading. Freedom fighters do not need to terrorize a population into submission. Freedom fighters target the military forces and the organized instruments of repression keeping dictatorial regimes in power. Freedom fighters struggle to liberate their citizens from oppression and to establish a form of government that reflects the will of the people... [O]ne has to be blind, ignorant, or simply unwilling to see the truth if he or she is unable to distinguish between those I just described and terrorists." —Ronald Reagan

**Comment:** I always enjoy quoting President Reagan. He just makes sense. Ed.

## THE ARMED CITIZEN

Jennifer Cooper had never fired a gun before, but when an intruder invaded her home as her two sons slept peacefully, she knew she had to take action. At 10:40 p.m., she heard the chime of her front door sound. Cooper had not set the home alarm system because her husband, Gary, was in San Antonio at a Spurs basketball game, and she was awaiting his return. "I could hear footsteps," she said. When she called her husband's name and no one answered, she ran into the master bedroom---where she had left her children---and locked the door. Seconds later, Cooper heard someone twisting the doorknob. There was no phone in the bedroom, so she was unable to call the police.

Cooper and her children spent the next two hours in fear, hoping whoever was on the other side of the door would leave. She yelled through the door that the house was alarmed and that the police were on their way, but the intruder turned on all the lights and the, television and periodically twisted the doorknob. "We talked and we prayed a lot," she said. Then she retrieved a .357 Mag. from the closet. When she thought she heard the lock being picked, Cooper pointed the gun at the door and fired. All went quiet, and footsteps and the door chime signaled the stranger's exit. When Gary Cooper returned home he found his family huddled together, a smoking gun in his wife's hand and a bullet hole in his bedroom door. Jennifer Cooper has vowed to never become a victim. "I'm going to start taking classes," she said. "My husband said it's the first thing on the agenda." (*Sequin GazetteEnterprise, Sequin, TX, 06/12/05*)

*Studies indicate that firearms are used over 2 million times a year for personal protection, and that the presence of a firearm, without a shot being fired, prevents crime in many instances. Shooting usually can be justified only where crime constitutes an immediate, imminent threat to life, limb, or, in some cases, property. NRA.*

## THE OSCARS

"In case you missed the Oscars last Sunday night, here are the highlights: Best song went to a musical tribute to the overseers of human sex slaves, an occupation known as 'pimping'; best picture went to a movie about racism in Los Angeles; best supporting actor went to the movie about how oil companies murder people; and best supporting actress went to the movie about how pharmaceutical companies murder people. Curiously missing from Oscar night's festivities was any reference, even in passing, to the 150,000 brave Americans currently risking their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan... Although I must tell you, overall, this Academy Awards ceremony was a major strategic retreat by Hollywood. Despite all their Bolshevik bluster about how Democrat politicians won't stand up to Republicans, the Hollywood left is as scared of decent patriotic Americans as the Democrats are. 'Brokeback Mountain' did not win best picture, 'Munich' won nothing, and the Palestinian suicide bombers movie won nothing... This may have been the most American Oscars yet, if America consisted of beautiful airheads in \$50,000 dresses. And that was just the guys in 'Brokeback Mountain'." —Ann Coulter

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