

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 18, 2012

Mr. Joseph E. Wolfe
(Address withheld)
(Address withheld)

Re: **WARNING NOTICE**
Amateur Radio License WA6RKN
EB-12-GB-0086

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

By letter dated March 21, 2012, the Commission notified you that it had received a complaint regarding the operation of your amateur station. The complaint alleged that you had been advertising a rifle and ammunition for sale on amateur radio frequencies in violation of Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's rules.

You responded to the Commission's letter on April 5, 2012. In that letter, you indicate that you did indeed state on air that you had a rifle and ammunition for sale. You further note that at the time of your on air statement, a discussion ensued as to the legality of your offering the rifle and ammunition for sale on amateur radio frequencies. As a result of that on air discussion, you indicated that you contacted your local OO and were informed that your actions were a violation of the Commission's rules. In your letter you offer the excuse that you were not aware that your actions were a violation of the Commission's rules at the time, but concede that you have since re-read Part 97 of the rules and now understand that your actions were indeed a violation of the Commission's rules. You apologize for your behavior and assert that this behavior will never happen again.

Your operation as described above is contrary to the basis and purpose of the amateur radio service as set out in Section 97.1 of the Commission's rules.¹ Please be advised that the Commission expects you to abide by its rules. This letter serves as notice that, if operation of this type reoccurs after receipt of this letter, you could be

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 97.1.

subject to severe penalties, including license revocation, monetary forfeiture (fines),² or a modification proceeding to restrict the frequencies upon which you may operate.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.
Special Counsel
Enforcement Bureau

Cc: San Francisco Field Office
Western Regional Director

² Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.