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FCC ENFORCEMENT BUREAU TAKES ACTION AGAINST CRAIGSLIST SELLERS FOR MARKETING ILLEGAL SIGNAL JAMMING DEVICES

*Warns Consumers to Immediately Remove Online Jammer Ads;
Issues Consumer Alerts in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese*

Washington, D.C. – Today the FCC Enforcement Bureau takes action against another six individuals for advertising and selling signal jamming devices on craigslist.org, warning that the Bureau intends to impose substantial monetary penalties for similar violations going forward. Over the last two weeks, the Bureau has targeted 23 signal jammer ads on [craigslist](http://craigslist.org). These actions resulted from aggressive undercover operations.

Signal jamming devices, or “jammers,” are radio frequency transmitters that intentionally block, jam, or interfere with authorized communications, such as cell phone calls, text messages, GPS systems, and Wi-Fi networks. Jammers are indiscriminate—they can block critical public safety and other emergency communications along with the targeted transmissions. As a result, it is a violation of federal law to market, sell, or use a jammer in the United States.

Recently, Enforcement Bureau staff have observed individuals offering signal jamming devices on [craigslist](http://craigslist.org) and other online marketplaces. These advertisements are illegal and should be removed immediately.

FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief Michele Ellison noted, “Merely posting a signal jammer ad on sites like craigslist.org violates federal law. Signal jammers are contraband for a reason. Simply put, jammers block all communications within range—not just the unwanted ones.”

Ms. Ellison added, “One person’s moment of peace or privacy could very well endanger the safety and well-being of others. We intend to take increasingly aggressive enforcement action against violators. If we catch you selling or operating a jammer, it’s going to cost you.”

The Enforcement Bureau will continue to closely monitor online websites for violations. To report the sale or use of an illegal jammer, call the FCC Enforcement Bureau’s Jammer Tip Line at 1-855-55-NOJAM.

To continue to heighten public awareness, the Bureau is also releasing a Consumer Alert on the jamming prohibition in English, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese.

For more information, Frequently Asked Questions about cell, GPS, and Wi-Fi jammers are available at www.fcc.gov/jammers. Additional information on jamming enforcement is available www.fcc.gov/jammers or by emailing jammerinfo@fcc.gov.

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