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Broadcasting Commission completes investigation into ZIP FM controversy

The Broadcasting Commission (Commission) has completed an investigation into a recently circulated controversial recording in which a ZIP FM radio personality was seen presenting a gift-wrapped bat to a man who had been arrested for assaulting persons.

The Commission has determined that the offensive content was not broadcast on ZIP FM's licenced 'over-the-air' radio broadcasting service, over which the Commission has regulatory jurisdiction. Nonetheless, the Commission strongly censured ZIP FM because the recording was insensitive, shocked the public conscience, and has brought the radio service into disrepute.

In commenting on the matter, the BCJ's Executive Director, Cordel Green said,

“The widespread public disapprobation was enough to send a clear signal that people are no longer making sharp distinctions between platforms and they expect broadcasters to be consistent in their conduct and to uphold high broadcasting standards at all times.”

The Broadcasting Commission is the regulatory body responsible for monitoring radio, television, and cable services in Jamaica.

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