

I am writing in reference to an incident that occurred in Raleigh, NC on Sept. 22-23. On both days, Bob and Madison from the G105.1 morning show were cracking jokes about how they liked to try and hit cyclists on the road. Bob talked about how he liked to store up old Yahoo bottle to throw at them as they passed. The talked about using pellet guns to shoot at their tires and try to hit them with the sideview mirrors to run them off the road.

Given that a car driver made national headlines recently in Dallas, Tx for running into a group of cyclists and killing two and injuring many others, I cannot see how we can allow stuff like this to be broadcast. They may say that it was only a joke, but it is still one that many of their listeners could be taking seriously. I think that any attempt at trying to run a cyclist off the road can be conceived as attempted murder. I feel that Clearchannel broadcasting has opened itself up to large lawsuits should any cyclist in the Raleigh area be struck by a car for promoting this act.

Now don't get me wrong, I have been a loyal listener of G105 ever since I moved to Chapel Hill in 1996. I have no ill will toward the station. I just feel like this was outside the lines for any radio program. How would this have gone over if they said we should fire our BB guns at any passing female or African American, or any other group for that matter.

Cyclists are no different, and they are doing nothing illegal by being on the roads. We pay the same taxes as anybody else, and should be given the proper respect we deserve. NC law mandates that drivers give us at least 2 feet between their car and ours. I am appalled that any radio station would advocate something that is both illegal and potentially life threatening.

Thanks for reading this e-mail and I would appreciate any response as to what actions will be taken.

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