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COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION ACTION

FCC SEIZES EQUIPMENT FROM UNLICENSED RADIO STATION IN WHEATON, MARYLAND

Attached, for your information, is a News Release from the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland announcing a seizure of equipment from an unlicensed radio station in Wheaton, Maryland, by officials of the FCC and the United States Marshals Service.

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION CLOSES UNLICENSED RADIO
STATION IN WHEATON, MARYLAND**

The U.S. Marshals Service, seized radio transmission equipment used in the operation of an unlicensed FM radio station in Wheaton, Maryland, on April 15, 1999, pursuant to a court order obtained by the United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

The illegal radio station, identifying itself as an "Ecos de Salvacion," was operating on FM frequency 87.9 MHz. The seizure of the equipment followed attempts by the FCC agents to have the station voluntarily discontinue transmissions, and the issuance of several warnings regarding penalties for unauthorized operations.

Unlicensed operation of a radio transmitter or station (e.g., AM, FM, International Short wave and TV) is a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 301.