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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

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**FCC PROPOSES FORFEITURE AGAINST FOX STATIONS  
FOR APPARENT VIOLATION OF INDECENCY RULE DURING BROADCAST  
OF “MARRIED BY AMERICA” EPISODE**

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission today issued a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture against various Fox Television Network affiliates, including TVT License Inc., licensee of Station WTVT, Tampa, Florida for apparently airing indecent material during an April 7, 2003 episode of the “Married By America” program. The Commission proposed a forfeiture in the amount of \$7,000 for each station that broadcast the program.

The Commission found that the episode, which aired prior to 10:00 p.m., a time when children were likely to be in the audience, involved depictions of sexual activity and was patently offensive.

By the Commission: Chairman Powell, Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein, FCC 04-242, October 5, 2004, Commissioner Martin issuing a statement at a later date.

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