

STATEMENT OF
CHAIRWOMAN JESSICA ROSENWORCEL

Re: *In the Matter of Renold David, Brockton, Massachusetts*, Forfeiture Order, File No.: EB-FIELDSCR-23-00035352; *In the Matter of Joao Vieira, Brockton, Massachusetts*, Forfeiture Order, File No.: EB-FIELDNER-23-00035360; *In the Matter of Djovany Pierre and Mario Turner, Brockton, Massachusetts*, Forfeiture Order, File No.: EB-FIELDSCR-23-00035362 (December 11, 2024).

At the Federal Communications Commission, we are stewards of the public airwaves. We help ensure that this vital resource is broadly available and free from harmful interference. And for those who fail to follow the rules, there are consequences.

The three enforcement actions we announce today reinforce this fact. They also demonstrate our continued work to honor the responsibilities we have under the PIRATE Act.

I have consistently put these actions on the monthly agenda because I think they are a way to honor the work of FCC staff in the field. These investigations involve agents in small FCC offices around the country. But the work they do is a big deal because when our personnel are out and about they help protect the public airwaves that we count on for so much in modern life. The same goes for our emergency response teams who deploy after disasters to do a front-to-back assessment of the state of communications. I saw their efforts first hand in North Carolina after Hurricane Helene and they are nothing short of heroic. These aspects of our field work also often go unnoticed. I am glad that we have been able to shine a spotlight on them and honor our field staff in small ways like we do here today.

For safety purposes, we do not name the individuals from our field offices responsible for these investigations. But we thank them as well as staff in Washington who took up their work and converted it to action, including David Dombrowski, Matthew Gibson, Peter Hyun, Robert Kincaid, Jeremy Marcus, David Marks, Erica McMahon, and Michael Rhodes from the Enforcement Bureau; and Bill Dever and David Konczal from the Office of General Counsel.