

**“FantinoGate”
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OPP & Native Radio Transmissions by Gary McHale

It was announced that we would be releasing radio transmissions of the OPP and DCE security that have been recorded over the past 6 months.

CBC RDI had created a Special Report from these tapes which was to be aired last night at 6:00 pm.

It is my understanding that Lawyers for CBC RDI had reviewed the evidence and accepted it as valid radio transmissions of the OPP and DCE security. However, just after 4:00 pm last night I received a call from CBC RDI saying that the story would not air.

It appears that CBC RDI, at the last minute, came to believe that airing recorded radio messages was subject to a \$25,000 fine.

Although this story may still be aired, I am currently left with the legal opinion of CBC RDI lawyers. As such we will not be releasing these transmissions until we check with the CRTC.

I must question the greater need for public safety and public interest that we hope the CRTC will allow such a release.

To use an unrelated example. What would happen if someone were to listen and record a radio transmission of a terrorist threat? Could they pass this on or would they be subject to the \$25,000 fine. What if you listened to and recorded a murder plot or a rape or whatever – could you then divulge this to others without facing the \$25,000 fine.

We hope to have answers from the CRTC within the next two weeks so we can release these transmissions to the media.

We are sorry about this but it is our necks on the line here.