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## APPENDIX A

### CBSC Decision 12/13-0791 & -0818 CFNY-FM re the *Dean Blundell Show (Wrestling)*

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The *Dean Blundell Show* is CFNY-FM's (102.1 The Edge, Toronto) morning show, which airs weekdays from 5:30 to 10:00 am. A recurring segment on the program is "The Edge Files". The segment consists of Blundell reading or describing recent unusual, absurd or disgusting news stories and commenting on them with his co-hosts. On January 17, 2013 one of the news stories and subsequent conversation between the hosts was as follows:

Blundell: An autopsy reports the death of a 17-year old named Kendrick Johnson found inside a wrestling mat in the high school's gymnasium was accidental. The family of Kendrick Johnson called police to report their son had not returned home from high school. Unable to locate him, the following morning his body was found in his high school's gymnasium stuffed upside down in an upright rolled gym mat.

Shapiro: Oh, Jesus!

Blundell: Johnson's death was being treated as a homicide [*sic*]. The autopsy showed, uh, he had not been in a struggle. He had died inside the mat. What actually happened was far less sinister than murder, but just as bad. For unknown reasons, he climbed to the top and rolled up some wrestling mats, fell inside the centre of one, went head first and found himself stuck upside down and unable to move. They don't know for sure, but investigators believe he was trying to retrieve his shoe.

Shapiro: Huh.

Blundell: There was a shoe at the bottom, there. [Shapiro & Blundell chuckle] We feel like he was trying to get his shoe that was down the hole. No one knows why, but he reached down. Sadly, he's with the good Lord. Most people who die after getting themselves lodged upside down die from suffocation. Just so you know. Also proving once again, kids, wrestling is incredibly gay. I was thinking about it the other day –

Shapiro: Yeah.

Blundell: 'Cause I was workin' out and I said to the, the lady that was helping me, the, uh, trainer lady, 'cause I got on all fours and had to do this thing called "planking".

Shapiro: Yeah, of course, planking.

Blundell: So I was doing this stupid planking thing. And this, the woman –

Shapiro: Okay?

Blundell: I, I s-, I looked at her and I said, her name was Christy. I said, "Christy, this is why high school wrestling is terribly gay". Any kind of wrestling.

Shapiro: Yeah.

Blundell: You start on all fours, the guy gets right behind you like he's getting ready to give you the old ram-rod.

Shapiro: It, it's just the most peculiar position.

Blundell: The ref goes "Go!" and then you just jump on him and smother him with your privates. It's what you do in wrestling. It's what high school wrestling is. And now it's led to a death. Let this be your lesson, kids.

Shapiro: Maybe. Maybe, just maybe –

Blundell: And you gotta wear a unitard.

Shapiro: Yeah. He crawled in that mat on purpose. This kid.

Blundell: Why?

Shapiro: Realized that, ah, he was uncomfortable with some of the things he had done the last few weeks in practice.

Blundell: [laughs] Yeah, like finger-hooked a couple dudes.

Shapiro: Yeah. And he just, you know, he just said "It wasn't for me", but he couldn't. Unfortunately, now that's part of his repertoire. [Blundell laughs] It's who he was.

Blundell: Yeah, not only is wrestling gay, it can kill you. [Shapiro laughs] I never wanted to wrestle in high school.

Welsman: To be that close to sweaty guys?

Blundell: No, to be rollin' around, grabbin' guys and grabbin' their bums and sittin' back. Hey, you know I know it's one of the oldest sports in the world, but I'm sorry, homoerotic man slinging is not a sport.

Shapiro: You can't even punch him in the face!

Blundell: No, what's the point in that? [Shapiro snickers] And then you get your ears all look funny after. There're guys get arrested for, uh, for, for, um, rape. For wrestling, high school wrestling. Guys have been arrested for it.

Shapiro: Because they keep going?

Blundell: Because they stick fingers in –

Shapiro: Oh!

Blundell: Because that's one of the moves.

Shapiro: Oh no.

Blundell: One of the moves is to stick your finger in some guy's butt.

Shapiro: That's brutal.

Blundell: [chuckles] Well, not if you like it.

Shapiro: Now, who wrestles? Do people, people still wrestle?

Blundell: I guess so. Kids, if you're on the wrestling team, quit.

Shapiro: Yeah.

Blundell: It's gay.