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## APPENDIX A

### CBSC Decision 12/13-0069 Sun News Network re *The Source* (Theft Ring)

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*The Source with Ezra Levant* is a political discussion program. Levant provides his opinions on various news stories, political events and current affairs; he also frequently has guests on to discuss the issues with him. At the beginning of each episode, he does a monologue about one of his chosen topics. The program airs weekdays from 5:00-6:00 pm Eastern.

On September 5, 2012, the program began with short clips of upcoming topics that would be discussed. After listing a few other issues, Levant said,

But first, round two of “The Jew versus the Gypsies”. We’ll talk about a new Canadian crime wave committed by these fraudulent refugee claimants. That’s all ahead on *The Source*.

There was an image of Levant dressed as an Hassidic Jew and a female dressed as fortune teller with headscarf, gold necklace, vest and puffy blouse. The words “Jew vs. Gypsy” appeared in the image, along with yellow crime scene tape.

After the opening sequence, Levant began his monologue at 17:01:01.

Levant: On Friday I told you about the wave of fraudulent refugee claims made by Gypsies trying to lie their way into Canada. That’s law-breaking in itself, lying about being refugees. I mean, they’re coming from Hungary, for crying out loud, a rich, generous, liberal democracy. No one’s a refugee from Hungary, at least not since it was liberated from the Nazis and then from the Soviets. For more than 20 years, it’s been free. But these are Gypsies, a culture synonymous with swindlers. The phrase “Gypsy” and “cheater” have been interchangeable historically that the word has entered the English language as a verb – he “gypped” me.

[caption at bottom of screen: “The Jew vs The Gypsies”]

Well, the Gypsies have gypped us. Too many have come here as false refugees. And they come here to gyp us again, to rob us blind as they have done in Europe for centuries. Well, I warned you. On Friday I told you about this. Well, today, in Durham, Ontario, police revealed the depth of Gypsy crime in Canada that has accompanied this wave of fake refugees.

[close-up image of bills, sunglasses, jewelry, iPods & other items in police evidence plastic bags]

Now let me stop before you blow your hate crime whistle at me for saying “Gypsy” or “gypped”. See, political correctness, saying euphemisms like calling them “Roma” instead of “Gypsy”, or, as the BBC calls them “Travellers”. Now, the point of that is to obscure the truth. Look, they’re Gypsies and one of the central characteristics of that culture is that their chief economy is theft and begging. Sorry, it’s true. That’s why so much political correctness has crept up around them because it’s an awful truth that we don’t want to contemplate.

[caption changes to “Gypsy Crime in Canada”]

Now, I believe that anyone out there, regardless of their race or their religion or their language or their place of birth can choose to live a moral life. I *must* believe that because I believe that each of us was made in the image of God and that the whole challenge in life is to take responsibility for ourselves and make the right choices every day. The Gypsies aren’t a race, they aren’t a religion, they aren’t a linguistic group.

[photographs of: 2 women in long, patterned skirts; children playing accordions & violins; woman in headscarf sitting on street]

They’re the medieval prototype of the Occupy Wall Street movement – a shiftless group of hoboes who doesn’t believe in property rights for themselves – they’re nomads – or for others.

[caption changes to “We’ve been gypped”]

They rob people blind. Now the scourge has come to Canada through fake refugee claims.

[photographs of: women in colourful skirts dancing; 2 adults & 2 children sitting by beat-up car with fire in background; man with mustache holding red flower; man & woman]

Over 5000 of them in the past five years, all from Hungary. The Canadian Border Services Agency estimates that just the paperwork and processing of these fake refugees costs almost a quarter billion dollars a year. And today, police in Ontario are taking to the courts more cases of the damage that they say they have found on the streets. Look at this list of suspects released by Durham Police – Gypsy after Gypsy after Gypsy. They gypped their way into Canada and now they’re gypping the rest of us. Look at this.

[scrolls through document on screen released by Durham police which shows photographs, names & list of charges]

Dinarca Caldaras: wanted for stealing two cars, money laundering, theft, fraud – Gypsy. But look at that. Not on her own, as part of a criminal organization. We’re used to biker gangs, we’re used to the Hell’s Angels or the Mafia. They’re not races or religions. They’re cultural groups, subcultures, deviant groups that choose to steal for a living. Look at this. Ovidiu Caldaras, criminal organization, fraud. It’s not all non-violent. No way. As I told you on Friday, in Italy, Gypsies are charged with murder at least six times more frequently than their population would suggest. Here’s Robert Caldaras: domestic

assault, fraud, criminal organization. Hm. Caldaras, Caldaras, Caldaras. It's almost as if they're a family business, their extended family, their clan. Yeah, Gypsies. Claudiu Unguru: possession of stolen property, credit card fraud. Four times for that. Identity fraud and theft, four times. Illie Paun: break and enter three times. That's not just for pocket change or trinkets. He's wanted on six counts of theft over 5000 bucks.

[caption "Gypsy Crime in Canada"]

Here's Florentina Stoican: break and enter, multiple thefts. Notice how many women there are on this list. Of course, it's not like the Hell's Angels. There's no such thing as a woman as the boss of a biker gang or a woman as a godfather. But for Gypsies, it's a family affair. In fact, women and children are the best at it because we liberal Canadians or Europeans would never suspect a child or a mom or both working together. Now don't worry, I won't show you all the suspects on this list. There are just too many. But every last one of them is a Gypsy. Just some of the 5000 who've gamed our system and are causing a made-in-Europe crime wave on our streets. Now, to be clear, none of these folks have been convicted and the accusations haven't been proved in court. That said, these charges are part of an extensive police operation involving multiple police forces. It seems to me, the cops have done their work on this one. Durham Regional Police say that street Gypsies have four particular strategies. Street distraction. That's where a young girl would walk up to a citizen and place a cheap fake necklace around their neck and then rip off the real expensive necklace in a commotion. Store distraction is another one. Going into a convenience store or a jewelry store with long dresses. Distracting the worker and then robbing the place blind. Shopper distraction. That's where someone watches you enter your PIN at a store and then pick-pocketing your wallet in the parking lot. And family-in-need distraction. Pretending to be a poor, homeless family, begging at the side of the road and then robbing you blind. Don't take it from me. Take it from the men and women who have to fight this crime wave. Look.

excerpt from video of Durham Regional Police press conference

Chief Const. Mike Ewle, Durham Regional Police: It's alleged that the ring would recruit individuals into Canada. Once in Canada, they would claim refugee status, then apply for social assistance, primarily in the Toronto area. They would be brought into the distraction theft fraud operation and hand over any profits to the ringleaders. This investigation has identified over 400 persons associated to this organized crime ring.

Levant: Now just in case you're not clear about this, they're talking about Gypsies.

Ewle at press conference: All the indications are that the 400 people we're aware from [*sic*], we're aware of are Roma.

Levant: Roma. That's, you know, cops can be politically correct. "Roma" is the name of a kind of tomato, as you know. But, uh, it's what some people call Gypsies. You can call them whatever you like. If they're arresting them, it's fine by me. Here's another clip.

Ewle at press conference: We have arrested and charged 29 people. We have warrants out for six more. The total charges to date add up to 263.

Levant: Twenty-nine people, 263 charges, that we know about so far. There are 5000 of these Gypsies here. And, as an access-to-information document from the government shows us, this is on top of their welfare fraud. Here are four excerpts from that ATI document.

[words of Canada Border Services Agency document excerpts appear on screen]

Here's one: quote, "24 individuals [out of a sample of 90] were found to be still collecting social assistance despite their scheduled removal date having already passed." They were kicked out of Canada, still getting welfare back in Hungary! Here's another quote: "These individuals appear to be well-informed regarding Canada's refugee process and the associated financial assistance provided for all claimants awaiting a final determination. It can be inferred that these individuals are entering refugee claims for economic benefit." Duh. Here's another one: "... once in Canada, Hungarians are working together with other members of their community in the commission of serious offences. They are providing [*sic*], proving adept at manipulating Canadian systems to obtain the greatest possible benefit before returning to Hungary." And finally, "Both Border Service Officers and Intelligence Officers have observed many of these travelers leaving Canada with significant amounts of cash, credit cards and oversized and additional luggage filled with items acquired in Canada, such as toys, clothing, and laptops."

[caption changes to "Tramps & Thieves: Cher Got It Right"]

So you've got refugee fraud. Then you've got fraud fraud – you know, stealing credit cards and laptops. Then you've got welfare fraud even once they're kicked out. They're gypping us! Sorry, that's a word for a reason! They're thieves! And women and children, their own wives and kids are the main tools of it. Remember what I told you on Friday. In Milan, Italy, 50 Gypsy children each stole 12,000 Euros a month. And Italian police could do nothing since they were all young kids. Stealing is part of their family crime organization.

[photographs appear on television screen behind Levant: people by tents; family by beat-up car]

Being Gypsy isn't like being Black or gay or being a woman or even Romanian where many Gypsies come from. It's just like being from Sicily doesn't make you part of the Mafia. Being a Gypsy is a positive choice, like being a Blood or a Crip. Like joining the Cosa Nostra. For centuries, these roving highway gangs have mocked the law and robbed their way across Europe. Now, because of our broken refugee system, they're here in Canada by the thousands and they've brought a Gypsy crime wave with them. Yeah, no thanks. I'm not interested in calling them "Roma" or "Travelers" or having a human rights commission investigate where we as a society have done them wrong. And maybe dispatching social workers.

[caption changes to "The Jew vs The Gypsies"]

The social workers would just have their wallets stolen. I want to dispatch cops and send the bad Gypsies back to Hungary on the next plane. Just warn the flight attendants not to wear any jewelry on the flight.

That monologue ended at 17:09:33.

On September 17, 2012, during an episode of *The Source*, Sun News Network broadcast the following statement. The words appeared on screen with voice-over narration:

Two weeks ago on the Sun News program "The Source" we looked at the issue of Canadian refugee claims by the Roma people.

Following the broadcast we received a number of complaints from viewers who felt the broadcast reinforced negative stereotypes about the Roma people. We have completed a review of the material and we agree that this content was inappropriate and should not have gone to air.

It was not the intent of Sun News, or anyone employed by Sun News, to promote negative stereotypes about the Roma people.

We regret our error in these broadcasts, and we apologize unreservedly to the Roma people and to you, our viewers.

Sun News is on your side.

On March 18, 2013, during his opening statement on *The Source*, Levant made the following statement:

I host the most controversial news show in Canada, *The Source*. If there's some politically correct sacred cow out there, it's my job to barbecue it. From exposing David Suzuki's outrageous speaking fees to taking a run at corrupt Indian chiefs, I do it with gusto every day. I try to be entertaining as well as informative using drama and sarcasm and the occasional dance moves. And I always make sure to poke the most fun at myself, including reading gems from my hate mail every day. Last summer, I talked about a grave problem in Ontario. A four-hundred-person crime ring, all recent immigrants from Romania, busted by Durham Regional Police. I let it rip against crime and immigration fraud and, for the most part, it was just a pretty good rant. The kind I love to do, poking fun at the Gypsies who had been arrested and even poking fun at myself as a Jew. There were some criticisms afterward, but I dismissed them as coming from the usual soft-on-crime liberals and grievance groups. But when I look at some of the words I used last summer, like "the Gypsies have gyped us", I gotta admit that I did more than just attack a crime or immigration fraud problem. I attacked a particular group and I painted them all with the same brush. And to those I hurt, I'm sorry. As a Canadian citizen and a journalist, I enjoy freedom of speech. Without that right, we would not be a democracy. But as someone who seeks to influence the public debate, I have to think about the words I choose. It was just wrong to slur a group of people. I made the moral mistake of judging people collectively. I owe a duty to my employer who had allowed me to be the freest journalist in Canada and has defended me against every attempt to

silence me. I owe a duty to you, my viewers, to give you the most thoughtful arguments I can. And I owe it to my own philosophy of liberty to judge people as individuals. As the philosopher Ayn Rand explained [photo of Rand & words appear on screen], the problem with stereotyping is that it's, quote, "the lowest, most crudely primitive form of collectivism. It's the notion of ascribing moral, social or political significance to a man's genetic lineage ... that a man is to be judged, not by his own character and actions, but by the characters and actions of a collective of ancestors." There's nothing wrong with going after a criminal gang. But it's wrong to brand an entire community with a broad brush. I wouldn't like it as a Jew and my whole point of the crusade against the *Indian Act* is to free ordinary Indians from the corrupt chiefs who rule them. I'm an anti-racism activist. I remain concerned about immigration fraud and crime gangs, but I can be better in the way I express those concerns. *The Source* is a show about ideas. I want my words to spur debate. When my show is finished on any given day, I want viewers to discuss these matters at the dinner table and write to their MPs. I don't apologize simply for the sake of being consistent in my views. I regret having made these statements and I'm hopeful that these remarks or those remarks will serve as an example of what not to do when commenting on social issues. I've got the privilege of commenting regularly in this forum and I'm committed to doing so responsibly.

The captions "Responding to the Roma Community", "A Formal Apology", and "When Ideas Cross the Line", as well as images of the Durham Police evidence, an article criticizing Levant and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* were shown on screen during his statement.