



# Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### SEIZURE OF RADIO TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT OF SIDEWALK RADIO AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

At 10:50 am on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2006, Inspectors of the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago seized transmission equipment from Sidewalk Radio, located at the Curepe Priority Mall, Eastern Main Road, Curepe. Despite repeated warnings by the Authority, Sidewalk Radio operated on a frequency for which it did not possess a licence. This was a violation of Section 36 (1) of the Telecommunications Act which states the following:

*“No person shall establish, operate or use a radiocommunication service ... without a licence granted by the Authority.”*

The seizure was effected in accordance with section (50)(e) of the Telecommunications Act which states the following:

*“An inspector may at all reasonable times, enter any place...from which any telecommunications network is operated or telecommunications service is provided, or in which any telecommunications equipment... is located and seize and take away any equipment, articles, books records or documents if it appears that there has been a contravention of this Act ...and such items so seized shall be lodged with the Authority”.*

Sidewalk Radio was also served with a Summons to appear before the Tunapuna First Magistrates' Court on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006 to answer the charge of Operating a Radiocommunication service without a licence.

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