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## News Release

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### **BROADCASTING COMMISSION WARNS CITIZENS TO AVOID DEALING WITH ILLEGAL CABLE OPERATORS**

The Broadcasting Commission has issued a warning to citizens not to engage with illegal cable service operators as this could land them in jail. The warning came at the Commission's Stakeholders' Meeting held in Kingston earlier today. Chairman of the Commission, Prof. Hopeton Dunn unveiled that it had come to the Commission's attention that criminal gangs and unscrupulous persons are engaged in tampering with the cable boxes of licensed providers and otherwise offering illegal cable services to citizens in certain parts of the country.

Members of the public were warned that any person who provided or used an illegal cable box or unlicensed services is liable to arrest and if convicted subject to a fine of up to five hundred thousand dollars and a possible prison term.

The Commission called on any person, gang or group now engaged in illegally converting micro chips in cable boxes, interfering with cable equipment or operating an illegal cable service to desist immediately. As these illegal activities are currently under investigation by the Organized Crime Division of the Jamaica Constabulary Force and by the Commission.

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