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Ex-BBC DJ jailed for kid porn

The former BBC Radio 1 DJ Chris Denning has been jailed for five years in Slovakia for distributing child pornography.

The 67-year-old was arrested in February after being charged with immoral behaviour and producing and possessing child pornography

Denning, who has already been jailed on similar charges in the Czech Republic and Britain, agreed to his extradition to Slovakia.

A European warrant had been issued in December 2007 in connection with offences involving four boys, aged 16 and 17, dating from 2002 and 2003.

A police search of his house in Bratislava in April 2004 uncovered child pornography tapes.

He was then taken into custody by a Bratislava court but fled the country on release.

Chris Denning was one of the original disc jockeys at Radio Luxembourg and later joined BBC Radio 1 and worked with The Beatles and Gary Glitter.

Say no more.

Radio host and wife in jail for real estate scam

A pastor and community activist who hosts a show on non-commercial Urban WJFP in Pierce, Florida and his wife are in jail, unable to post bond after being charged with defrauding investors in real estate scams.

Rodney and Shalonda McGill were arrested last month and charged with racketeering, conspiracy to commit racketeering and four counts of mortgage fraud based on soliciting investors on the radio show.

Earlier Rodney McGill was arrested in April for child abuse but charges were dropped after his 16-year-old daughter recanted her testimony.

Hello, is it me you're looking for?

It was Sunday at 4pm and the news theme played on Melbourne's (Australia not Florida)3AW followed by dead air then a whole lot of commercials.

Apparently a producer raced to the newsroom to see what was happening and found the news reader on the computer.

By the time the reader got to the news booth most of the six-minute time slot had lapsed.

The mix-up also threw Magic 693 and regional stations that take 3AW's news into disarray.

An insider said: "Questions were asked and the reader said she had 'computer problems. Further investigations by the IT team found she was on Facebook at the time".

Management at 3AW promptly sent a memo to all staff instructing them to stay off Facebook unless they were using it for research.

Absolut Vodka sues Absolute Radio

The Absolut vodka company is suing the U.K.'s recently-rebranded Absolute Radio for trademark infringement because of possible consumer confusion over the similar names.

Absolute Radio International was formerly Virgin Radio. The name change happened after Virgin Radio was sold to a

division of the Times of India.

A spokesperson for Absolute Radio said: "We absolutely believe that the two brands can exist alongside each other and that our five million listeners can distinguish between a vodka brand and a radio station. We hope for a swift resolution to this situation and remain 100% committed to our exciting plans for Absolute Radio."

BBC radio presenters mock disabled and get suspended

Two BBC Southern Counties radio presenters, Andrew Hawes and Ian Hart, have been suspended after using the term 'window licker' during a football phone-in show.

It seems this is a derogatory term for disabled people.

Action was taken after Hart told a football fan to 'go and lick a window' in a row about a football team manager..

His comment was followed by Mr Hawes urging 'any window lickers out there' to call the show.

Hart said he apologised 'unreservedly' for his comments saying: "In that split second I didn't realise the severity of what I was saying. 'I now know it was grossly inappropriate."

I have no ideas what "window lickers" means.

Perhaps somebody can help me ian@allaboutradio.net

God is no laughing matter

A Dubai radio station has fired a South African drive-time DJ for mocking religion and impersonating God on the air.

The Arabian Radio Network said in a statement Revin John had been "let go" over a sketch on Virgin Radio Dubai in which he quoted an article about a U.S. court throwing out a lawsuit against God.

John then pretended to act out a telephone conversation with God, prompting complaints from listeners of "diverse faiths and nationalities."

Arabian Radio Network Chief Operating Officer Steve Smith said : " He intended to be funny, not to offend anybody. However, what he did was highly offensive to the Muslim and Christian community in the UAE."

Back in June, Revin John told Dubai English-language newspaper Gulf News he had researched the Middle Eastern market thoroughly before arriving and was quoted as saying: "The adage 'know your audience' was my starting point."

Can't have too much research Revin.

Lewd stunt gets BBC hosts in very hot water

Amidst a continuing firestorm of controversy that included the Prime Minister getting involved, the BBC suspended Russell Brand and Jonathan Ross for a prank call to actor Andrew Sachs. (Still remembered for his role as Manuel on Faulty Towers. He is now 78).

Russell Brand resigned as a host on BBC Radio 2 hours after the corporation announced the suspension.

Brand and Ross made a profane call to Sach's' voicemail after Sachs failed to show up for a scheduled interview, with claims that Brand had slept with Sach's granddaughter.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown slammed the hosts for "inappropriate and unacceptable behavior" as the controversy continued to rage in the U.K. tabloids.

BBC Director General Mark Thompson said that he had been on vacation, but has been "in regular contact" with other BBC executives and added, "In the meantime, I have decided that it is not appropriate for either Russell Brand or Jonathan Ross to continue broadcasting on the BBC until I have seen the full report of the actions of all concerned. This gross

lapse of taste by the performers and the production team has angered license payers."

Sad thing, the bit wasn't even funny. Just childish.

Hear it at <http://popwatch.ew.com/popwatch/2008/10/russell-brand-p.html>

Charges dropped in radio stunt case

You may remember the story about Jase Edward Squires, an intern from hip-hop station WIBT-FM in Charlotte, USA who was arrested after getting onto a school bus on the first day of school.

He was charged with causing a disturbance on the bus while it was headed to Southwest Middle School.

Well, the charges against him for the stunt have now been Dropped.

The DA's office did not say why.

Group breaks world record for most interviews

Pete Wentz and Patrick Stump from rock band Fall Out Boy have set the Guinness World Record for the 'Most Interviews On Radio In a 24 Hour Period By A Pair Of Two'.

The two rockers completed 72 radio interviews from a Los Angeles studio starting at 3:00am and beating the previous record of 57, set in May this year.

Speculation that Peter Wentz's wife Ashlee Simpson had gone into labour early that morning morning was rife, after the base player posted a cryptic message on Twitter saying, "Woke up at 215am tonight. Pretty awesome. Dog didn't even get up to say goodbye. That's when u know its early."

However, the comment was related to his Guinness World Record attempt, not the birth of the couple's first child.

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