

### #545629 Scream Queens

Submitted Received via Requester

September 22, 2015, 9:29 PM Web Form

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Status Type Priority Group Assignee

Closed - - CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets

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Complaint Internal Status Name of TV program TV Method TV Issues First Name

Not Served Scream Queens

Cable Indecency

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Last Name State Zip Code Time of Issue Date of Issue

(b) (6) Texas 78734 8:00 p.m. Sep 22

Phone (where you can be contacted) TV channel City Where Program was Viewed/Heard

o) (6) 7 Austin,Tx

Network State Where Program was Viewed/Heard Address 1 City

Fox Texas (b) (6) Austin

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

(b) (6) Sep 22, 9:29 PM

A description of a beheading at a sorority house.

Isis would be proud, but I object!

(b) (6) Sep 23, 1:34 PM

Hi (b) (6)

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## #545616 Scream Queens

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Closed - - CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets (b) (6)

Complaint Internal Status Name of TV program TV Method TV Issues First Name

Not Served Scream Queens Satellite Indecency (b) (6)

Last Name State Zip Code Time of Issue Date of Issue

(b) (6) South Carolina 29708 9:00 p.m. Sep 22

Phone (where you can be contacted) TV channel City Where Program was Viewed/Heard

(b) (6) 46 Fort Mill

Network State Where Program was Viewed/Heard Address 1 City

Fox South Carolina (b) (6) Fort Mill

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

**b** Sep 22, 9:24 PM

Very inappropriate adult subject matter and use of drugs.

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## #548214 Scream Queens is a rated R show on prime time network tv.

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September 23, 2015, 8:53 PM Web Form

Status Type Priority Group Assignee

Open - - EB Indecency -

Complaint Internal Status Name of TV program TV Method TV Issues First Name

Not Served Scream Queens Cable Indecency

Last Name State Zip Code Time of Issue Date of Issue

**b) (6)** Kentucky 40229 8:00 P.M. Sep 22

Phone (where you can be contacted) TV channel City Where Program was Viewed/Heard

o) (6) 41 LOUISVILLE

Network State Where Program was Viewed/Heard Address 1 City

Fox Kentucky (b) (6) LOUISVILLE

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

(b) (6) Sep 23, 8:53 PM

Scream Queens is a super violent rated R horror show that airs on Network TV during prime time!!! I have a major problem the content of this show. In last nights episode a young woman murdered her maid by sticking her head in a deep fryer. The camera did not cut away. The camera showed the point of view of inside the deep fryer where you see the lady's face being fried. The camera later shows the maid's dead bloody face. I did not think it was possible to show such gory content on network tv before 10:00 pm. Later in the episode, someone dressed up as Satan runs over a girl's head with a riding lawnmower. It showed the blood shooting out of the side of the lawn mower. This violent show should not be allowed to be aired until after 10:00 pm at best. Due to the fact that I was unaware of the nature of the show, my young child was exposed to the deep fryer murder scene. He was really confused. I understand that it is my job as a parent to monitor and screen television shows however I should not have to be deathly afraid that something so gruesome may accidently viewed by my son. This show is not appropriate for prime time network television at all.

(b) (6)

Oct 9, 8:24 AM

Hi (b)

Your complaint provides the Commission with valuable information that we use to spot trends and practices that warrant investigation and enforcement action. We do not resolve individual complaints about this issue and, there will be no status information to report on your complaint.

Your complaint (Ticket No. 548214) was closed as of today. The information you provided us will continue to be available internally within the FCC to inform the Commission's enforcement and policymaking processes.

Thank you for your complaint and help in furthering the FCC's mission on behalf of consumers.

(b) (6)

Oct 21, 12:45 PM

Internal note

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# #588714 Indecent material on "Scream Queens" at 7:00 P.M. when young children are watching

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October 13, 2015, 9:22 PM Web Form (b) (6)

Status Type Priority Group Assignee

Solved - - CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets (b) (6)

Complaint Internal Status Name of TV program TV Method TV Issues First Name

Not Served Scream Queens Broadcast Indecency (b) (6)

Last Name State Zip Code Time of Issue Date of Issue

(b) (6) Michigan 48813 7:00 p.m. Oct 6

Phone (where you can be contacted) TV channel City Where Program was Viewed/Heard

b) (6) 47 Charlotte

Network State Where Program was Viewed/Heard Address 1 City

Fox Michigan (b) (6) Charlotte

Filing on Behalf of Someone

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(b) (6) Oct 13, 9:22 PM

In the first episode of "Scream Queens," a woman's face was shown being boiled in oil, then showed her tearing her own facial skin off; a girl's entire body being sprayed with hydrocholoric acid and being eaten away while she was still alive; and an entire group of girls buried up to their necks, then having their heads run over by a riding lawn mower.

To this repertoire of gore, October 6's episode included a lengthy speech about the joys of sex with dead bodies:

Chad stands in a cemetery, looking down at his grandmother's grave.

Chad: "Bet you are a sexy dirt-covered girl, that's what I bet you are."

Chad unzips his pants.

Hester startles Chad as she approaches.

Hester: "Is that your grandmother?"

Chad: "I was just...um...sometimes I come out here and I just rub my hands on the gravestones. When I find a gravestone I like, I, um, get turned on and I rub one out to it."

Hester: "I get it. I get you more than anyone. I also find the thought of dead bodies extremely arousing...And here you are saddle up with an uptight girlfriend who freaked out for no other reason than the fact that you just wanted to fantasize about having sex with her lifeless corpse. I want everything Chanel has. And that includes you."

Chad: "Oh, my God, I got a total chub right now."

Hester: "Chanel's done. Zayday's gonna win for Kappa house president and when does, I'm pretty sure that vice-president will fall into my hands and when Zayday just happens to fall down a flight of steps or drown in a retention pond, then you'll once again be porking Kappa's top bitch, and this bitch puts out."

Chad: "Okay, I need to do it right now. Right now on Dorothy. You and me. Please."

Hester tells Chad that the location isn't scary enough.

Hester: "Keep your phone on. And if you're lucky, maybe in the next couple of days, you'll get a call from someone with a very scary location of where to meet. And maybe...she'll let you in the back door."

Hester winks.

A decade ago, such queasy content was limited to cable after 10 p.m. But today, the Fox broadcasting network thinks it's ideal fare for the public airwaves at 7 p.m.!

Those who enjoy such depraved fare often chide, "If you don't like it, put your kids to bed." But not even the most stringent parents put their children to bed at 7 pm! \*And they shouldn't have to!\*

Instead, the broadcasters who are permitted to use the airwaves owned by the public – and use them for free, to make billions of dollars in profit – \*MUST\* respect some basic, common-sense restrictions... like not putting gore and sex with corpses on TV right after the evening news and "Wheel of Fortune."

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Oct 15, 10:26 AM

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https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/203700670-Cable-TV-and-Offensive-Programming-Quick-Facts

https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/203700610-Satellite-Programming-Quick-Facts



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Solved - - CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets (b) (6)

Complaint Internal Status Name of TV program TV Method TV Issues First Name

General Inquiry Masterchef Junior Cable Indecency (b) (6)

Last Name State Zip Code Time of Issue Date of Issue

(b) (6) Washington 98052 7:00 pm Oct 10

Phone (where you can be contacted) TV channel City Where Program was Viewed/Heard

(b) (6) 113 Seattle

Network State Where Program was Viewed/Heard Address 1 City

Fox Washington (b) (6) Redmond

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

Oct 10, 10:55 PM

Hello! I would like to complain about commercials on Fox networks during family programming. I am no prude, but they show horrible, scary things! We are watching Masterchef Junior right now and they shows a violent "Scream Queens" preview and another murder show with dead bodies. Made my seven year old cry. I have tried to contact Fox and have found it impossible. This is only one time of many that highly inappropriate commercials have been shown during family shows and sports. Violence, gore, and sexual innuendos seem to be the norm for Fox.



Oct 15, 9:06 AM

Hi (b) (6)

Thank you for your submission. Your complaint provides the FCC with important information we can use to develop policies to protect consumers, remedy violations of the Communications Act, and encourage future compliance with the law.

#### **Broadcast Advertising**

The FCC receives numerous complaints from consumers about broadcast advertising. These complaints concern a wide variety of issues, including:

the nature of the products being advertised the timing of certain ads commercials believed to be indecent or in poor taste

false and misleading advertisements

Are there laws that limit material stations can broadcast?

Stations are restricted from broadcasting material that promotes certain lotteries, advertises cigarettes, little cigars or smokeless tobacco products, or perpetuates a fraud. Additionally, federal laws prohibit or limit obscene, indecent or profane language. Some advertisements may also violate rules established by other government agencies, such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Obscene broadcasts are prohibited at all times, while indecent or profane broadcasts are prohibited during certain hours. Violators are subject to sanctions that include civil penalties, criminal fines, license revocation and/or imprisonment of not more than two years. For more information, see our guide on

Obscene, Indecent and Profane Broadcasts.

What if I think a specific ad is false or misleading?

Broadcasters are responsible for selecting the broadcast material that airs on their stations, including advertisements. The FCC expects broadcasters to be responsible to the community they serve and act with reasonable care to ensure that advertisements aired on their stations are not false or misleading. The FTC has primary responsibility for determining whether specific advertising is false or misleading, and for taking action against the sponsors of such material. You can file a complaint with the FTC, or call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

As such, no further action is required by the FCC. Your complaint was closed as of today.

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### #591586 Prime time violence during children's programing

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October 14, 2015, 10:31 PM Web Form

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Status Type Priority Group

Assignee

Solved - - CGB - Indecency your unsolved tickets

(b) (6)

Phoenix

Complaint Internal Status Name of TV program TV Method TV Issues First Name

General Inquiry Earth to Luna Broadcast Indecency

Last Name State Zip Code Time of Issue Date of Issue

**b) (6)** Arizona 85013 11:30 am Oct 11

Phone (where you can be contacted) TV channel City Where Program was Viewed/Heard

o) (6) 12 Phoenix

Network State Where Program was Viewed/Heard Address 1 City

NBC Arizona (b) (6)

Filing on Behalf of Someone

No

(b) (6) Oct 14, 10:31 PM

Immediately following a children's show on NBC Saturday morning, there was a spate of commercials including one for a violent primetime show. In addition to several violent scenes, guns being fired, etc. the bumper included an up close visual of a man pointing his gun directly at the viewer - which at the time happened to be my 7 year old daughter's face. If these types of shows are not allowed before primetime, I am appalled that their graphic scenes of violence are allowed to be advertised prior to that time - and especially immediately following children's programing. This also goes for the Scream Queens commercials I have seen in the daytime and early afternoon as well.



Oct 15, 2:55 PM

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