



# Local Union No. 98

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Joseph P. Clancy  
Director - United States Secret Service  
Office of Government & Public Affairs  
245 Murray Lane  
Washington, D.C. 20223

Dear Director Clancy,

This is an urgent letter to inform you of a major security breach that IBEW Local is alleging was committed by NBC 10 News, a Comcast/NBC-owned television station in Philadelphia, PA. The incident occurred on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. For context, you need to be aware that IBEW Local 98 has been on strike against NBC 10 since September 24, 2015. The security breach we are alleging falls under the jurisdiction of Homeland Security and the Secret Service, pursuant to 18 U.S. Code 3056 - Powers, authorities, and duties of United States Secret Service:

(d)

Whoever knowingly and willfully obstructs, resists, or interferes with a Federal law enforcement agent engaged in the performance of the protective functions authorized by this section or by [section 1752 of this title](#) shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

IBEW Local 98 alleges the following breach of security and falsification of media credentials were committed by NBC 10 during the otherwise highly-secure Papal visit to Philadelphia.

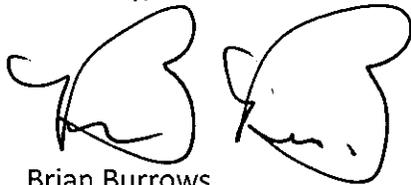
NBC 10 News Director Anzio Williams engaged in a serious breach of security and intentional falsification of media credentials in order to provide an out-of-town replacement cameraman access to Papal events the weekend of September 26 - 27, 2015.

The replacement cameraman is John Thompson, a Dallas-based, non-union cameraman who was flown in to help cover the Papal events. The incident occurred at the Convention Center on Saturday, September 26th and was relayed to IBEW Local 98 by multiple eyewitnesses. John Thompson was in the security line at the Center, wearing the ID/Credentials of NBC 10 News Director Anzio Williams. When he was flagged and pulled out of the line by security, other

members of the press gathered there said "He's not Anzio Williams!" Security took Anzio Williams' ID off Thompson and may still have it. Somehow, Thompson made his way to another security window/checkpoint, where he was given his own, proper media credentials, which allowed him access to the Pope's appearance at Independence Hall later that day.

It is the contention of IBEW Local 98 that NBC 10 - and News Director Anzio Williams - deliberately attempted to sneak a non-credentialed replacement cameraman into the Papal events using false credentials. That constitutes a major breach of security protocol for which NBC 10 should be investigated and possibly fined and penalized. There were multiple witnesses who will provide affidavits that support our allegations. IBEW Local 98 is asking the Secret Service to launch a formal investigation into NBC 10's unethical and possibly criminal actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BB", with a stylized, cursive flourish extending from the end.

Brian Burrows  
President