

Bustier break leads to federal investigation

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end of my half-time show performance was made after final rehearsals," she said in a statement issued by her publicist. "MTV was completely unaware of it. It was not my intention that it go as far as it did. I apologize to anyone offended."

Still, Jackson's label Virgin Records, capitalized on the attention, announcing that her new single "Just a Little While," was being delivered to U.S. radio outlets on Monday, ahead of schedule.

Virgin said a track from her upcoming album, "Dami-ta Jo," was released early due to a "firestorm of interest" fueled by unauthorized

Internet downloads of the song.

'Broadcast standards'
The episode comes as television networks find themselves on the defensive over the bounds of good taste, with the FCC taking a more aggressive stand against indecency and Congress threatening to sharply raise fines for such incidents.

"We attended all rehearsals throughout the week and there was no indication that any such thing would happen," CBS said. "The moment did not conform to CBS broadcast standards and we would like to apologize to anyone who was offended."

The NFL said it would not likely allow MTV to produce another halftime show.

Some questioned whether it was unplanned since MTV's Web site promised ahead of the show "shocking moments" and Timberlake sang the line "I'll get you naked by the end of this song," moments before the incident.

Complaints flooded into the FCC about Jackson and male singers grabbing their groin area while performing. The FCC could fine each station that aired the show up to \$27,500 per violation as well as consider revoking broadcast licenses.

"Whether or not CBS executives did or did not know in advance is irrelevant, Viacom executives had the duty to know," said Parents Television Council President Brent Bozell who urged the FCC to fine each station the maximum.

The FCC already is considering action against General Electric Co.'s NBC network for an incident in which U2 rocker Bono uttered an expletive during a live broadcast.

Federal rules bar the broadcast of obscene material and limit the airing of indecent material that contains offensive sexual or excretory references to late night hours when children are unlikely to be watching.

P. Diddy settles \$3 million lawsuit over shooting

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NEW YORK — Sean "P. Diddy" Combs has settled a \$3 million lawsuit filed by his former driver, who said he suffered emotional damage after a nightclub shooting four years ago.

State Supreme Court Justice Harold Beeler announced the settlement Monday and dismissed the Manhattan jury that had been hearing the trial of the lawsuit filed by Wardell "Woody" Fenderson of East Orange, N.J.

Lawyers for both sides, having agreed to keep the settlement terms secret,

refused to say what it took to resolve the case. They would say only that "the matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties."

Fenderson's lawsuit arose after three people were wounded at Club New York early Dec. 27, 1999. He said he was outside the club in Combs' Lincoln Navigator waiting for the rapper and then-girlfriend Jennifer Lopez.

Moments after people began fleeing the club, Combs, Lopez and Combs' bodyguard, Anthony "Wolf" Jones, ran out, jumped into the sport utility vehicle and

ordered him to drive and "don't stop for anybody."

Fenderson, 45, testified during the three days of trial that being ordered to drive and continue despite a police officer's orders to stop, knowing there were guns in the SUV, and his subsequent arrest caused him emotional trauma.

He testified that he became a near-hermit and a heavy drinker because of the experience. His lawsuit alleged false imprisonment — although he admitted he could have stopped the SUV and gotten out anytime he wanted, and assault —

although he admitted that no one touched him in anger that night.

After the shooting and car chase, everyone in the Navigator was taken into custody. A Combs rap protege — Jamaal "Shyne" Barrow, then 19 — was arrested separately when he ran from the club with a gun in his waistband. Fenderson was arrested and then the charges dropped; he later testified at trial against Combs, Jones and Barrow. No charges were filed against Lopez.

Combs and Jones were acquitted of gun possession charges.

Message from the grave: 'Get Emmett's murderers'

By Bill Alexander
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There can be no greater suffering than the pain of a mother who must bury her child and be left alone to wonder if there might have been even one small thing she could have done to make a difference.

"There was so much I wanted for Emmett as he was beginning to take shape as an adult," says Mamie Till-Mobley from the grave, as she continues to press the state of

Mississippi to bring her son's murderers to justice. "I figured we would have time..." Advertisement

From the grave because her book, "Death of Innocence," where she uttered these words, was released nine months after her death in January 2003.

Emmett Louis Till was dragged from the home of his great-uncle in Money, Miss., by two White segregationists in August 1955 looking for a "nigger" who had whistled at a White woman clerk in a

roadside store in the Mississippi Delta.

A 1955 Jet magazine picture of the crushed, bloated, unrecognizable face of 14-year-old Emmett filled every Black barbershop, beauty parlor, doctor's and dentist's office, and neighborhood community center with revulsion.

Till-Mobley (who remarried after the death of her first husband, Louis Till) had, with great reluctance, given Emmett permission to make the one-week trip south after her "free-spirited boy who

loved the outdoors" pleaded to go after his running partner cousin took up his great-uncle's invitation to visit. She extracted a promise.

She had planned to take her son on a trip to Detroit, for which she had brought a new 1955 Plymouth - red, with a white top. "I wanted it to be our car, so I insisted with the dealership that my 13-year-old Bo (her nickname for Emmett) be a co-signer." With this news, she says, Emmett stood a little straighter.

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