

NewsBreak — DFP Security Inquiry: Unauthorized May 8 Application

DFP security inquiry sent May 14, 2026 · Response deadline: May 21, 2026 · Gmail thread: 19e28402a141b9db · Investigation: Platform Gatekeeping: Press Freedom

EMAIL RECORD

From: newsroom@dismalfreedompress.org
To: publishers@newsbreak.com
Date: May 14, 2026 — 20:52 UTC
Subject: Urgent Security Inquiry — Unauthorized Publisher Application Filed Under DFP Credentials: May 8, 2026

Dismal Freedom Press — Investigations Desk

May 14, 2026

NewsBreak / Particle Media, Inc.

Publisher Relations / Trust & Safety

publishers@newsbreak.com

To the Publisher Relations Team:

Dismal Freedom Press is writing to formally report an unauthorized publisher application submitted using DFP's credentials on May 8, 2026, and to request a complete accounting of how that application was submitted.

THE DOCUMENTED SEQUENCE:

- May 7, 2026: DFP sent a formal closure letter to publishers@newsbreak.com stating that DFP's press inquiry was closed, that publication of DFP's platform accountability investigation was anticipated in May 2026, and setting a final response deadline of May 12.
- May 8, 2026, 6:53 PM UTC: DFP received a confirmation email from welcome@newsbreakapp.me: "Thank you for submitting an application. Your application is currently under review."
- May 8, 2026, 7:06 PM UTC: DFP received a rejection from welcome@newsbreakapp.me: "Your application has been declined." — 13 minutes after submission.
- May 11, 2026: NewsBreak's Publisher Relations provided the first substantive explanation of rejection criteria in this entire inquiry —

citing paywalled content and a domain access error — after two prior boilerplate responses spanning 25 days.

DFP DID NOT SUBMIT THE MAY 8 APPLICATION.

A review of all browser history across both DFP-associated Chrome profiles — the `newsroom@dismalfreedompress.org` account and the `rootedcreativegroup.com` managed account — confirms zero visits to any NewsBreak domain in May 2026.

The last documented visit in either profile occurred on April 13, 2026.

This record has been preserved.

DFP formally requests written responses to the following questions:

1. Who or what submitted the May 8, 2026 publisher application using `newsroom@dismalfreedompress.org` as the contact email?
2. Does NewsBreak's publisher application system retain login credentials, session tokens, or account data from prior applications in a way that would allow resubmission without direct user action?
3. Does NewsBreak have any automated retry, resubmission, or re-review functionality that could have been triggered by DFP's May 7 press inquiry email to `publishers@newsbreak.com`?
4. Does NewsBreak's publisher platform have access controls preventing unauthorized parties from submitting applications on behalf of a registered email address?
5. Does NewsBreak retain records of the IP address, device, or browser session associated with the May 8 application? If so, DFP requests that this data be preserved and provided in response to this inquiry.

DFP notes for the record that the May 8 application arrived one day after DFP's formal publication notice, and that NewsBreak's first substantive explanation in this investigation arrived four days later. Whether the May 8 application resulted from an automated system behavior, a platform security failure, or another cause, it will be reported accurately in DFP's forthcoming investigation.

DFP requests a written response by May 21, 2026.

Sincerely,

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