

NewsBreak — Unauthorized Publisher Application Filed Under DFP Credentials

Application confirmation (May 8, 2026 · 18:53 UTC) + rejection (19:06 UTC) · Gmail threads: 19e08effc0bbaa1b, 19e08fc6474625b1 · Investigation: Platform Gatekeeping: Press Freedom

Overview

On May 8, 2026 — one day after DFP sent a formal publication notice to NewsBreak — a publisher application was submitted using DFP's credentials (newsroom@dismalfreedompress.org). DFP did not submit this application. A review of all browser history across both DFP-associated Chrome profiles confirmed zero visits to any NewsBreak domain in May 2026. The application was received and rejected within 13 minutes. This sequence is documented in the two emails below.

EMAIL RECORD

From: welcome@newsbreakapp.me
To: newsroom@dismalfreedompress.org
Date: May 8, 2026 — 18:53 UTC
Subject: Thank you for submitting an application

Thank you for submitting an application

Your application is currently under review. We will notify you when verification is complete.

[Sign in button]

— NewsBreak Publisher Team

[Note: This email was received as HTML-only. Body text reconstructed from snippet. Gmail thread ID: 19e08effc0bbaa1b. DFP did not submit this application. All browser history preserved as evidence.]

EMAIL RECORD

From: welcome@newsbreakapp.me
To: newsroom@dismalfreedompress.org
Date: May 8, 2026 — 19:06 UTC
Subject: Your application has been declined

We're sorry!

We regret to inform you that we are not able to move forward with your application at this time.

If you would like to resubmit, kindly click on the button below.

[Re-apply button]

— NewsBreak Publisher Team

[Note: This email was received as HTML-only. Body text reconstructed from snippet. Gmail thread ID: 19e08fc6474625b1. Time between confirmation and rejection: approximately 13 minutes. DFP did not submit this application. Browser history reviewed across both DFP Chrome profiles confirms zero NewsBreak domain visits in May 2026. Last documented visit: April 13, 2026. DFP security inquiry sent May 14, 2026 — see companion document.]