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Frank Befera has hosted the morning show since 2009, and said he felt hurt and violated that the photographs were made public. He confirmed the photos were why he was fired and said he understood the position that his employers at Red Rock Radio took.

"I completely support Red Rock's decision here," Befera said. "I have a tremendous level of respect not only for the company, but for management and everyone I work with there."

Red Rock Radio did not return a phone call for comment.

Befera said he had no comment on the photographs, who took them, or how they ended up being made public. He said he has retained a lawyer, but wouldn't say to whom any legal action would be directed.

The photographs were linked to an online media discussion and gossip bulletin board.

In the three photographs, Befera is seen with an unidentified woman, both in various states of undress.

"Everybody has a private life and I work hard every day, love my job, love the people I work with, love Duluth and would give my life to help other people," he said. "It's unfortunate that this happened, to prohibit me from enjoying what I really love — which is being at Red Rock Radio."

Befera has been involved with local radio since the mid-1980s. He said he built Mix 108 FM. His father, Francis "Fran" Befera, is considered a pioneer in Minnesota radio and cable TV broadcasting. He died in 2004.

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