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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Ryan Albino, individually and on behalf of all those similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC,

Defendant.

Docket No:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Ryan Albino, individually and on behalf of all those similarly situated (hereinafter referred to as "*Plaintiff*"), by and through the undersigned counsel, complains, states and alleges against Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "*Defendant*"), as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This action seeks to recover for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.* ("FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).
- 3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this Judicial District.
- 4. At all relevant times, Defendant conducted business within the State of New York.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff Ryan Albino is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Suffolk County, New York.
 - 6. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 7. On information and belief, Defendant Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, is a Texas Limited Liability Company with a principal place of business in Tarrant County, Texas.
- 8. Defendant is regularly engaged, for profit, in the collection of debts allegedly owed by consumers.
 - 9. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

ALLEGATIONS

- 10. Defendant alleges Plaintiff owes a debt ("the Debt").
- 11. The Debt was primarily for personal, family or household purposes and is therefore a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 12. Sometime after the incurrence of the Debt, Plaintiff fell behind on payments owed.
- 13. Thereafter, at an exact time known only to Defendant, the Debt was assigned or otherwise transferred to Defendant for collection.
- 14. In its efforts to collect the debt, Defendant contacted Plaintiff by letter ("the Letter") dated May 6, 2017. ("Exhibit 1.")
 - 15. The Letter was the initial communication Plaintiff received from Defendant.
 - 16. The Letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

FIRST COUNT Violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692g Debt Validation

- 17. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 18. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g provides that within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing certain enumerated information.

- 19. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3) requires the notice to include a statement that unless the consumer, within thirty days of receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed valid by the debt collector.
 - 20. There is no requirement that the consumer dispute the debt in writing.
 - 21. It is a violation of the FDCPA to require disputes be made in writing.
- 22. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the letter that overshadows the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 23. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the letter that contradicts the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 24. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, overshadows the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 25. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, contradicts the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 26. It is a violation of the FDCPA to include language in the letter that, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, leads the least sophisticated consumer to believe that her dispute must be made in writing.
- 27. The reverse side of the Letter states, "**DISPUTES CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:** PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, Disputes Department, 140 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502 or E-Mail: PRA_Disputes@portfoliorecovery.com."
- 28. Disputes need not be in writing. *Hooks v. Forman, Holt, Eliades & Ravin, LLC*, 717 F.3d 282 (2d Cir. 2013).
 - 29. Disputes may be made orally.
- 30. Although the Letter sets forth two different phone numbers, neither are provided for the purposes of disputing the validity of the Debt.
- 31. The front side of the Letter provides a phone number, but only "to discuss payment arrangements."
- 32. The reverse side of the Letter provides a different phone number, but only "to discuss issues related to our quality of service."

- 33. The presence of a "Disputes Correspondence Address," especially in the absence of a dispute telephone number, overshadows the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 34. The presence of a "Disputes Correspondence Address," especially in the absence of a dispute telephone number, contradicts the required 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 35. The presence of a "Disputes Correspondence Address," especially in the absence of a dispute telephone number, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, overshadows the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 36. The presence of a "Disputes Correspondence Address," especially in the absence of a dispute telephone number, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, contradicts the required § 1692g(a)(3) statement.
- 37. The presence of a "Disputes Correspondence Address," especially in the absence of a dispute telephone number, when examined from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer, leads the least sophisticated consumer to believe that her dispute must be in writing.
- 38. Defendant has violated § 1692g, as the above-referenced language overshadows the information required to be provided by that Section. *See Vetrano v. CBE Grp., Inc.*, 2016 WL 4083384 (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 1, 2016).
- 39. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 40. While § 1692e specifically prohibits certain practices, the list is non-exhaustive, and does not preclude a claim of falsity or deception based on any non-enumerated practice.
- 41. Collection notices are deceptive if they can be reasonably read to have two or more different meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
- 42. The question of whether a collection letter is deceptive is determined from perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 43. The collection letter could be reasonably interpreted by the least sophisticated consumer as incorrectly representing that a dispute must be communicated in writing. *See Vetrano v. CBE Grp., Inc.*, 2016 WL 4083384 (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 1, 2016); *Balke v. Alliance One Receivables Management, Inc.*, No. 16-CV-5624(ADS)(AKT), 2017 WL 2634653 (E.D.N.Y. June 19, 2017).
- 44. Because the Letter is reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading, as described above, it is deceptive within the meaning of the FDCPA.

- 45. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be deceived by the Letter.
- 46. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be deceived in a material way by the Letter.
- 47. The misrepresentation is material because it could impede the least sophisticated consumer's ability to respond to the letter or dispute the debt.
- 48. Defendant has violated § 1692e by using a false, deceptive, and misleading representation in its attempt to collect a debt.

SECOND COUNT Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e

- 49. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 50. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 51. A collection letter violates 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
- 52. The front side of the Letter states, "All future payments and correspondence for this account, including credit counseling service payments, should be directed to: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 12914, Norfolk, VA 23541" (emphasis added).
- 53. Plaintiff's statutorily prescribed validation rights, including the right to dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, are set forth in boxed text directly below the "all future payments and correspondence" language.
- 54. The address provided for "all future payments and correspondence for this account" is not the same as the "DISPUTES CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS" set forth on the reverse side of the Letter, as transcribed in Paragraph 27, *supra*.
- 55. Because the address provided for "all future payments and correspondence for this account" is located directly above Plaintiff's statutorily prescribed validation rights, the least sophisticated consumer, should she wish to dispute the validity of the debt in writing, could reasonably be misled into sending her dispute to the wrong address.
- 56. Regardless of the manner in which the Letter is formatted, the least sophisticated consumer, upon seeing one address for the purposes of "all future payments and correspondence," and another address for "disputes correspondence," would be confused as to which address she

should send her written dispute.

- 57. the least sophisticated consumer, upon seeing one address for the purposes of "all future payments and correspondence," and another address for "disputes correspondence," would be uncertain as to which address she should send her written dispute.
- 58. A collection letter violates 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
- 59. The Letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to mean that she should send any written dispute to the address provided in connection with "all future payments and correspondence for this account" (emphasis added).
- 60. Alternatively, the Letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to mean that she should send any written dispute to the address provided in connection with "Disputes Correspondence."
- 61. The address to which a dispute as to the validity of the debt should be sent is a material piece of information to the least sophisticated consumer.
- 62. Because the Letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate, as described, it is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
 - 63. For these reasons, Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 64. Plaintiff brings this action individually and as a class action on behalf of all persons similarly situated in the State of New York from whom Defendant attempted to collect a consumer debt using a substantially similar form collection letter, from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.
- 65. This action seeks a finding that Defendant's conduct violates the FDCPA, and asks that the Court award damages as authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.
 - 66. Defendant regularly engages in debt collection.
- 67. The Class consists of more than 35 persons from whom Defendant attempted to collect delinquent consumer debts using a substantially similar form collection letter, from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.
 - 68. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Common questions of law

or fact raised by this class action complaint affect all members of the Class and predominate over any individual issues. Common relief is therefore sought on behalf of all members of the Class. This class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

- 69. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Class, and a risk that any adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class would, as a practical matter, either be dispositive of the interests of other members of the Class not party to the adjudication, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests. Defendant has acted in a manner applicable to the Class as a whole such that declaratory relief is warranted.
- 70. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect and represent the interests of the Class. The management of the class action proposed is not extraordinarily difficult, and the factual and legal issues raised by this class action complaint will not require extended contact with the members of the Class, because Defendant's conduct was perpetrated on all members of the Class and will be established by common proof. Moreover, Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in actions brought under consumer protection laws.

JURY DEMAND

71. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial of this action by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests judgment as follows:

- a. Certify this action as a class action; and
- b. Appoint Plaintiff as Class Representative of the Class, and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel; and
- c. Find that Defendant's actions violate the FDCPA; and
- d. Grant damages against Defendant pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- e. Grant Plaintiff's attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and

- f. Grant Plaintiff's costs; together with
- g. Such other relief that the Court determines is just and proper.

DATED: May 7, 2018

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Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC

May 6, 2017

Seller: SYNCHRONY BANK Merchant: WAL-MART

Original Creditor: SYNCHRONY BANK

Original Account Number: 8634

Creditor to Whom Debt is Owed: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC

Account Number: 8634

Last Payment Date or Default Date: 08/22/2016

Total Amount of Debt Due at charge-off: \$661.63

Total Amount of Transactions since Charge Off: Interest: \$0.00

Non-Interest Charges/Fees or Balance Adjustments: \$0.00

Payments: \$0.00

Total Now Due: \$661.63

RYAN ALBINO,

Welcome to Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC ("PRA, LLC")! We want to help you resolve this account, so call us at 1-800-772-1413 for low payment options. If paying off this debt is difficult for you please call anyway, because we have payment options for almost every budget.

PRA, LLC purchased account 8634 on 04/19/2017. All future payments and correspondence for this account, including credit counseling service payments, should be directed to: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 12914, Norfolk, VA 23541. *Please call TOLL FREE at 1-800-772-1413* to discuss payment arrangements.

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days from receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. If you request this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor if different from the current creditor.

This communication is from a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt.

Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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RYAN ALBINO 50 SURREY DR CENTER MORICHES NY 11934-2818 Account Number: 8634

Payment Amount: _____

001 PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC P.O. Box 12914 Norfolk VA 23541





Re: Account Number

Debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but

The use or threat of violence; İ.

The use of obscene or profane language; and

iii. Repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:

1. Supplemental security income (SSI);

Social security;

3. Public assistance (welfare);

4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony), or child support;

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5. Unemployment benefits;

6.

Disability benefits; Workers' compensation benefits;

Public or private pensions; Veterans' benefits;

10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and

Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

Mail all checks and payments to: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC PO Box 12914 Norfolk, VA 23541 Pay us online:

Hours of Operation (EST):

8 AM to 11 PM Mon.-Fri. 8 AM to 8 PM Sat. 11 AM to 10 PM Sun.

E-Mail

help@portfoliorecovery.com www.portfoliorecovery.com

DISPUTES CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, Disputes Department, 140 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502 or E-Mail: PRA_Disputes@portfoliorecovery.com

COMPANY ADDRESS: PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, 120 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502

QUALITY SERVICE SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE Mon. - Fri. 8 AM to 5 PM (EST)

Not happy with the way you were treated? Our company strives to provide professional and courteous service to all our customers. Contact one of our staff to discuss issues related to our quality of service to you by phone at (866) 925-7109 or by e-mail at qualityservice@portfoliorecovery.com.

PRIVACY NOTICE: We collect certain personal information about you from the following sources: (a) information we received from you; (b) information about your transactions with our affiliates, others, or us; (c) information we receive from consumer reporting agencies. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone, except as permitted by law. We restrict access to nonpublic information about you to those employees and entities that need to know that information in order to collect your account. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information.

NOTICE: If this account is eligible to be reported to the credit reporting agencies by our company, we are required by law to notify you that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit records may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fa I to fulfill the terms of your credit obligation.

We are required under state law to notify consumers of the following rights. This list does not include a complete list of rights consumers have under state and federal laws:

CALIFORNIA: The state Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act require that, except under unusual circumstances, collectors may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They may not harass you by using threats of violence or arrest or by using obscene language. Collectors may not use false or misleading statements or call you at work if they know or have reason to know that you may not receive personal calls at work. For the most part, collectors may not tell another person, other than your attorney or spouse, about your debt. Collectors may contact another person to confirm your location or enforce a judgment. For more information about debt collection activities, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov. Nonprofit credit counseling services may be available in the area.

NEW YORK CITY: City of New York License Numbers 1096994, 1394695, 1394697, 1394696, 1394698, 2045465.

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CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

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Signature: /s Craig B. Sanders

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

<u>ENSTERIA DISTRICT</u>	OI NEW TORK
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Plaintiff(s) V.)) Civil Action No.)
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Within 21 days after service of this summons of 60 days if you are the United States, or a United States States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) – you attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Fermotion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's atternation.	ou must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the ederal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or
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If you fail to respond, judgment by default will the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion	be entered against you for the relief demanded in on with the court.
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