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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Kyle Caudill and Angel Beltrez, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Docket No:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Enhanced Recovery Company, LLC,

Defendant.

Kyle Caudill and Angel Beltrez, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated (hereinafter referred to collectively as "*Plaintiffs*"), by and through the undersigned counsel, complain, state and allege against Enhanced Recovery Company, 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 Kyle Caudill is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Suffolk County, New York.

6. Plaintiff Angel Beltrez is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Queens County, New York.

7. Plaintiffs are "consumers" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

8. On information and belief, Defendant Enhanced Recovery Company, LLC, is a Florida Limited Liability Company with a principal place of business in Duval County, Florida.

9. Defendant is regularly engaged, for profit, in the collection of debts allegedly owed by consumers.

10. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

ALLEGATIONS

11. Defendant alleges each of the Plaintiffs owe a debt ("the Debts").

12. The Debts were primarily for personal, family or household purposes and are therefore "debts" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).

13. Sometime after the incurrence of the Debts, Plaintiffs fell behind on payments owed.

14. Thereafter, at an exact time known only to Defendant, the Debts were assigned or otherwise transferred to Defendant for collection.

15. In its efforts to collect the debt alleged owed by Plaintiff Caudill, Defendant contacted Plaintiff Caudill by letter dated February 14, 2018. ("<u>Exhibit 1</u>.")

16. In its efforts to collect the debt alleged owed by Plaintiff Beltrez, Defendant contacted Plaintiff Beltrez by letter dated May 22, 2018. ("<u>Exhibit 1</u>.")

17. The letter was the initial communication Plaintiff Caudill received from Defendant.

18. The letter was the initial communication Plaintiff Beltrez received from Defendant.

19. The letters (the "Letters") are identical for all relevant purposes herein.

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20. The Letters are "communications" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

FIRST COUNT Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g Validation of Debts

21. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.

22. 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.

23. One such requirement is that the debt collector provide "the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed." 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(2).

24. A debt collector has the obligation not just to convey the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed, but also to convey such clearly.

25. A debt collector has the obligation not just to convey the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed, but also to state such explicitly.

26. Merely naming the creditor without specifically identifying the entity as the current creditor to whom the debt is owed is not sufficient to comply with 15 U.S.C. 1692g(a)(2).

27. Even if a debt collector conveys the required information, the debt collector nonetheless violates the FDCPA if it conveys that information in a confusing or contradictory fashion so as to cloud the required message with uncertainty.

28. When determining whether the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed has been conveyed clearly, an objective standard, measured by how the "least sophisticated consumer" would interpret the notice, is applied.

29. The Letters fail to explicitly identify the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

30. The Letters state, "Creditor: Sprint."

31. There is no entity named "Sprint" registered with the New York State Department of State, Division of Corporations.

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32. Conversely, there are more than one hundred (100) disparate entities registered in New York that begin their legal name with "Sprint."

33. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be confused as to which of more than one hundred (100) disparate entities registered in New York that begin their legal name with "Sprint" is the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

34. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be uncertain as to which of more than one hundred (100) disparate entities registered in New York that begin their legal name with "Sprint" is the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

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37. Defendant failed to explicitly state the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

38. Defendant failed to clearly state the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

39. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be confused as to the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

40. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be uncertain as to the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

41. Defendant has violated § 1692g as it failed to clearly and explicitly convey the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed.

SECOND COUNT Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e False or Misleading Representations as to the Name of the <u>Creditor to Whom the Debt is Owed</u>

42. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.

43. 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.

44. 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.

45. Collection notices are deceptive if they can be reasonably read to have two or more different meanings, one of which is inaccurate.

46. The question of whether a collection letter is deceptive is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."

47. For purposes of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, the failure to clearly and accurately identify the creditor to whom the debt is owed is unfair and deceptive to the least sophisticated consumer.

48. Because the Letters are reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading, as described above, they are deceptive within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

49. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be deceived by Defendant's conduct.

50. The least sophisticated consumer would likely be deceived in a material way by Defendant's conduct.

51. Defendant has violated § 1692e by using a false, deceptive and misleading representation in its attempt to collect a debt.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

52. Plaintiffs bring 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 collection letter that sets forth a creditor as "Sprint,", from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.

53. 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.

54. Defendant regularly engages in debt collection.

55. The Class consists of more than 35 persons from whom Defendant attempted to collect delinquent consumer debts debt using a collection letter that sets forth a creditor as "Sprint."

56. Plaintiffs' 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.

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This class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

57. 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.

58. Plaintiffs 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, Plaintiffs have retained counsel experienced in actions brought under consumer protection laws.

JURY DEMAND

59. Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial of this action by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request judgment as follows:

a. Certify this action as a class action; and

b. Appoint Plaintiffs as Class Representatives of the Class, and Plaintiffs' 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 Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and

f. Grant Plaintiffs' costs; together with

g. Such other relief that the Court determines is just and proper.

DATED: August 21, 2018

BARSHAY SANDERS, PLLC

By: <u>/s/Craig B. Sanders</u> Craig B. Sanders, Esq. 100 Garden City Plaza, Suite 500 Garden City, New York 11530 Tel: (516) 203-7600 Fax: (516) 706-5055 csanders@barshaysanders.com *Attorneys for Plaintiffs* Our File No.: 115174



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Creditor: Sprint

Original Creditor: Sprint Account Number: XXXXX9471 Amount of Debt: \$717.86 **Reference Number:** 3746

February 14, 2018 Original Balance: \$717.86 Interest Accrued: N/A Non-interest Charges & Fees: N/A Payrients: -\$0.00

You Have Options

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Our records indicate that your balance with Sprint remains unpaid; therefore your account has been placed with ERC for collection efforts. We are authorized to settle your account for less than the full balance by offering discounted options.

Option 1: Pay the settlement of \$358.93, payable in a single payment. Option 2: Pay the settlement of \$394.82, payable in 2 monthly payments of \$197.41. Option 3: Pay the settlement of \$430.71, payable in 3 monthly payments of \$143.57.

We are not obligated to renew this offer.

This letter serves as notification that your delinquent account may be reported to the national credit bureaus.

Payment of the offered settlement amount will stop collection activity on this matter. We will inform Sprint once the payment(s) is/are posted. Payment of the settlement amount will not restore your service with Sprint. If you wish to reestablish service with Sprint at a future date, Sprint may require partial or full payment of your remaining balance at that time, according to Sprint's credit policy.

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic funds transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic funds transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

Unless you dispute the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, within thirty (30) days after your receipt of this notice, the debt will be assumed to be valid by us.

If you notify our office below in writing within (30) days of your receipt of this notice that the debt, or any portion thereof is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of any judgment that may be of record against you. We will mail the verification or copy of the judgment to you.

Upon your written request to this office within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor listed in the above section of this notice.

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- For self-service options, please visit our website at www.ercbpo.com/help.

Telephone: (800) 656-9049 Toll Free. All calls are recorded and may be monitored for training purposes.

Send correspondence to: ERC, P.O. Box 57610, Jacksonville, FL 32241

Office Hours (Eastern Time): Mon - Thur, 8:00 am - 11:00 pm; Fri: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm; Sat: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Nothing in this letter overrides, withdraws, or overshadows your right to dispute the debt. NOTICE - SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT NOTICES AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

Please do not send correspondence to this address.

P.O. BOX 1259, Dept 98696 Oaks, PA 19456

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New York City Residents:

New York City Department of Consumer Affairs License Number: 1394588.

New York State Residents: 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 not limited to:

- a) the use or threat of violence
 b) the use of obscene or profane language; and
 c) 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:

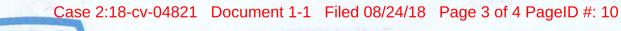
- 1) Supplemental security income, (SSI);
- Social security;
- Public assistance (welfare);
- Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
- Unemployment benefits;
- 6) Disability benefits;
- Workers' compensation benefits;
- 8) Public or private pensions;
- 9) Veterans' benefits;

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

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

Our Corporate Address is: Enhanced Recovery Company, LLC, Doing Business As, ERC and/or Enhanced Resource Centers, 8014 Bayberry Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256

We at ERC specialize in assisting persons in different financial situations. If additional assistance is needed, please contact us or visit our website.



Creditor:

Original Creditor: Account Number: Amount of Debt: Reference Number:

Sprint Sprint XXXXX1583 \$1,865.20 3362 May 22, 2018 Original Balance: \$1,865.20 Interest Accrued: N/A Non-interest Charges & Fees: N/A Payments: -\$0.00

You Have Options

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Our records indicate that your balance with Sprint remains unpaid; therefore your account has been placed with ERC for collection efforts. We are authorized to settle your account for less than the full balance by offering discounted options.

- Option 1: Pay the settlement of \$1,025.86, payable in a single payment.
- Option 2: Pay the settlement of \$1,119.12, payable in 2 monthly payments of \$559.56. Option 3: Pay the settlement of \$1,212.39, payable in 3 monthly payments of \$404.13.

We are not obligated to renew this offer.

ERC has been authorized to report this debt to credit reporting agencies.

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic funds transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic funds transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

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AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

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Kyle Caudill and Angel Beltrez, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

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Defendant(s)

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To:(Defendant's name and address) Enhanced Recovery Company, LLC C T CORPORATION SYSTEM 1200 SOUTH PINE ISLAND ROAD PLANTATION, FL 33324

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

BARSHAY SANDERS PLLC 100 GARDEN CITY PLAZA, SUITE 500 GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date: _____

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 15 USC §1692			
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION Brief description of cause: 15 USC §1692 Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Violation			
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: • CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: • Yes O No	:		
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER			
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Case 2:18-cv-04821 Document 1-3 Filed 08/24/18 Page 2 of 2 PageID #: 14 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.

Case is Eligible for Arbitration \blacksquare

I, _____, counsel for _____, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for

compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

- monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
- the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
- the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks:

RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)

Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."

NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2)

1.)	Is the civ	il acti	on being	g filed	in the Ea	astern D	District I	removed	from a	a New Y	York St	ate Co	ourt lo	cated in	Nassau	i or Si	uffolk
	County:		Yes		No												

2.) If you answered "no" above:

a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk

County? ■ Yes □ No

b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? ■ Yes □ No

c) If this is a Fair Debt Collection Practice Act case, specific the County in which the offending communication was received: SUFFOLK

If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>

(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).

BAR ADMISSION

I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court. Yes D No

Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court?

Yes (If yes, please explain)

No

I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature: <u>/s Craig B. Sanders</u>

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