UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN MILWAUKEE DIVISION

| EMIR FETAI, Individually and on Behalf of All |) Case No.: 17-cv-430 | | |
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| Others Similarly Situated, |)) CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT | | |
| Plaintiff, | \ \ | | |
| VS. | ý | | |
| GC SERVICES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, |) Jury Trial Demanded)) | | |
| Defendant. |) | | |

INTRODUCTION

1. This class action seeks redress for collection practices that violate the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* (the "FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The court has jurisdiction to grant the relief sought by the Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1337. Venue in this District is proper in that Defendant directed its collection efforts into the District.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff Emir Fetai is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Kenosha County).
- 4. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), in that Defendant sought to collect from him a debt allegedly incurred for personal, family or household purposes.
- 5. Defendant GC Services, Limited Partnership ("GCS") is a foreign corporation with its principal place of business located at 6330 Gulfton, Houston, TX 77081.

- 6. GCS is engaged in the business of a collection agency, using the mails and telephone to collect consumer debts originally owed to others.
- 7. GCS is engaged in the business of collecting debts owed to others and incurred for personal, family or household purposes. GCS is a debt collector as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a.

FACTS

- 8. On or about December 28, 2016, GCS mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding an alleged debt owed to "Citibank, N.A." ("Citibank"). A copy of this letter is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit A.
- 9. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt referenced in <u>Exhibit A</u> is an alleged personal credit card account, used only for personal, family or household purposes.
- 10. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.
- 11. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form debt collection letter used by Credit Control to attempt to collect alleged debts.
 - 12. Exhibit A contains a settlement offer that contradicts itself.
 - 13. <u>Exhibit A</u> contains the following settlement offer:

We'd like to let you know that our client, Citibank, N.A., has authorized us to make you a settlement offer on your account. If you pay 60% of the New Balance, our client will consider your account settled.

This is an excellent opportunity to take care of your account. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, either call our office at 866-749-7275 or mail us your payment of \$392.50.

Please note the payment must be for the exact amount stated in this letter and must be received no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of this letter or this particular offer will be null and void. Please understand our client is not obligated to renew this offer.

14. <u>Exhibit A</u> states that payment "for the exact amount stated in this letter" must be received within 14 days of the date of Exhibit A in order to accept the offer. Exhibit A.

15. Just below that, however, Exhibit A states:

* As of the date of this letter, you owe \$654.17. Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount owed on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your payment, in which event we will inform you.

- 16. <u>Exhibit A</u> implies that the amount of money necessary to settle the alleged debt changes and may not be the amount stated in the letter.
- 17. However, in reality, either the settlement offer is for the set, pre-determined amount of \$392.50 or it is not. It either varies or it does not.
- 18. Exhibit A fails to state the terms of the settlement offer in a non-confusing manner. The amounts \$654.17 and \$392.50 are both "shown above" the language identified in Paragraph 15 of this complaint.
- 19. The unsophisticated consumer could not determine from Exhibit A if the settlement offer is for a set amount or a possibly variable amount.
- 20. The normal meaning of "settling" a debt means that the debt is permanently resolved in exchange for a payment of a portion of the balance.
- 21. The consumer could send a check for \$392.50 and would not know whether he had sent enough money to actually settle the account, due to the possibility that GCS or Citibank had added interest or other charges to the settlement amount.
- 22. The consequences of misleading a consumer with respect to settling a debt are much greater than misleading about the amount of the debt. A payment of the entire debt would leave pennies or, at most, a few dollars left over for payment later. *See eg. Miller v. McCalla, Raymer, Padrick, Cobb, Nichols, & Clark, L.L.C.*, 214 F.3d 872, 876 (7th Cir. 2000). Due to a few remaining dollars or cents of interest, however, GCS could continue to collect the entire remaining balance of the alleged debt.

- 23. Plaintiff was confused by Exhibit A.
- 24. Plaintiff had to spend time and money investigating <u>Exhibit A</u>, and the consequences of any potential responses to <u>Exhibit A</u>.
- 25. Plaintiff had to take time to obtain and meet with counsel, including traveling to counsel's office by car and its related expenses, including but not limited to the cost of gasoline and mileage, to advise Plaintiff on the consequences of Exhibit A.
- 26. The FDCPA creates substantive rights for consumers; violations cause injury to consumers, and such injuries are concrete and particularized. Quinn v. Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC, No. 16 C 2021, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 107299 *8-13 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 11, 2016) (rejecting challenge to Plaintiff's standing based upon alleged FDCPA statutory violation); Lane v. Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, No. 15 C 10446, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89258 *9-10 (N.D. III. July 11, 2016) ("When a federal statute is violated, and especially when Congress has created a cause of action for its violation, by definition Congress has created a legally protected interest that it deems important enough for a lawsuit."); Church v. Accretive Health, Inc., No. 15-15708, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 12414 *7-11 (11th Cir. July 6, 2016) (same); see also Mogg v. Jacobs, No. 15-CV-1142-JPG-DGW, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33229, 2016 WL 1029396, at *5 (S.D. III. Mar. 15, 2016) ("Congress does have the power to enact statutes creating legal rights, the invasion of which creates standing, even though no injury would exist without the statute," (quoting Sterk v. Redbox Automated Retail, LLC, 770 F.3d 618, 623 (7th Cir. 2014)). For this reason, and to encourage consumers to bring FDCPA actions, Congress authorized an award of statutory damages for violations. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a).
- 27. Moreover, Congress has explicitly described the FDCPA as regulating "abusive practices" in debt collection. 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(a) 1692(e). Any person who receives a debt

collection letter containing a violation of the FDCPA is a victim of abusive practices. *See* 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(e) ("It is the purpose of this subchapter to eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors, to insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent State action to protect consumers against debt collection abuses").

- 28. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e generally prohibits "any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt."
- 29. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(2)(a) specifically prohibits "The false representation of— the character, amount, or legal status of any debt.
- 30. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) specifically prohibits the "use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt."
- 31. 15 U.S.C. § 1692f generally prohibits "unfair or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect any debt."

COUNT I – FDCPA

- 32. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 33. GCS's letter provides a purported "settlement offer," but that offer is misleading, as the amount necessary to effectuate the settlement may be greater than the amount printed on the letter and is unspecified.
- 34. A consumer who mails a payment in the full amount of the "settlement amount" listed on the letter may not have sent enough money to actually settle the claim.

- 35. GCS's letter encourages settlement payments to be short of the amount necessary for the creditor to agree to settle the alleged debt, allowing GCS or the creditor to continue collecting the remaining balance of the alleged debt, plus additional interest.
 - 36. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2)(a), 1692e(10) and 1692f.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 37. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of a Class consisting of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin, (b) who were sent collection letters in the form represented by Exhibit A to the complaint in this action, (c) seeking to collect a debt, incurred for personal, family or household purposes, (d) between March 24, 2016 and March 24, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service.
- 38. The Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable. Upon information and belief, there are more than 50 members of the Class.
- 39. There are questions of law and fact common to the members of the class, which common questions predominate over any questions that affect only individual class members. The predominant common question is whether Exhibit A violates the FDCPA.
- 40. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.
- 41. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in consumer credit and debt collection abuse cases.
- 42. A class action is superior to other alternative methods of adjudicating this dispute. Individual cases are not economically feasible.

JURY DEMAND

43. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiff and the Class and against Defendant for:

- (a) actual damages;
- (b) statutory damages;
- (c) attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs of suit; and
- (d) such other or further relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: March 24, 2017

ADEMI & O'REILLY, LLP

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EXHIBIT A

CDGCSV70 057 PO Box 930824 Wixom MI 48393-0824 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

December 28, 2016



GC Services Limited Partnership



Please call: 866-749-7275 Calls may be monitored or recorded



CORRESPONDENCE AND PAYMENT MAILING ADDRESS:

1425 Emir Fetai 1727 29Th St Kenosha WI 53140-5021

PO BOX 3855 **HOUSTON TX 77253**

YOU OWE: Citibank, N.A.

CLIENT ACCOUNT NUMBER: ENDING 5556

GC NUMBER:

0436

NEW BALANCE: \$654.17

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN UPPER PORTION OF STATEMENT WITH PAYMENT

December 28, 2016

File Number:

4049

Client Account Number: ENDING 5556

RE: BEST BUY

Dear EMIR FETAL

We'd like to let you know that our client, Citibank, N.A., has authorized us to make you a settlement offer on your account. If you pay 60% of the New Balance, our client will consider your account settled.

This is an excellent opportunity to take care of your account. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, either call our office at 866-749-7275 or mail us your payment of \$392.50.

Please note the payment must be for the exact amount stated in this letter and must be received no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of this letter or this particular offer will be null and void. Please understand our client is not obligated to renew this offer.

Citibank, N.A. may report a discharge of indebtedness if required by applicable tax law. This reporting may have tax consequences to you. Please contact your tax advisor if you have any questions.

If you are making a payment, please send it along with the top portion of this notice to the post office box listed above, and, if paying by check, make your check payable to "Citibank, N.A.".

If you have any questions or wish to propose an alternative payment solution, please do not hesitate to contact us. Sincerely,

Daniel Gonzalez

Account Representative

If you would prefer, you can make a payment on your account using a debit card by going to our website at iwant2.solvemydebt.com or calling us at 844-694-2082. Use the following number to identify yourself when prompted: 0436

* As of the date of this letter, you owe \$654.17. Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount owed on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your payment, in which event we will inform you.

This communication is from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction**. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

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Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example:

U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Eastern District of Wisconsin

| EMIR FETAI Plaintiff V. GC SERVICES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP Defendant |)) Civil Action No. 17-cv-430) | | |
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| To: (Defendant's name and address) GC SERVICES LIMITED c/o C T CORPORATION S 8020 Excelsior Dr., Ste. 200 Madison, WI 53717 | PARTNERSHIP SYSTEM | | |
| 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: John D. Blythin Ademi & O'Reilly, LLP 3620 East Layton Avenue Cudahy, WI 53110 (414) 482-8000-Telephone | | | |
| If you fail to respond, judgment by default will b You also must file your answer or motion with the court. | e entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. | | |
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Civil Action No. 17-cv-430

PROOF OF SERVICE

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