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

JOHN LAKKARD, Individually and on Behalf of) Case No.: 17-cv-1685 All Others Similarly Situated, Plaintiff, VS. JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS LLC,

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Defendant.

Jury Trial Demanded

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 John Lakkard is an individual who currently resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).

Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), in that 4. Defendant sought to collect from him a debt allegedly incurred for personal, family or household purposes.

5. Defendant Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC ("JCS") is a foreign limited liability company and debt collection agency with its principal place of business located at 16 McLeland

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Road, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303. Its registered agent in Wisconsin is Corporation Service Company, 8040 Excelsior Drive Suite 400, Madison, Wisconsin 53717.

6. JCS is engaged in the business of a collection agency, using the mails and telephone to collect consumer debts originally owed to others.

7. JCS is engaged in the business of collecting debts owed to others and incurred for personal, family or household purposes. JCS is a debt collector as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a.

FACTS

September 12, 2017 Letter

8. On or about September 12, 2017, JCS mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding an alleged debt owed to "FIRST PREMIER BANK (FPB)" ("FPB") and with the description "PREMIER BANKCARD MC." A copy of this letter is attached to this Complaint as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

9. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt referenced in <u>Exhibit A</u> is an alleged 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.

 Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form debt collection letter used by JCS to attempt to collect alleged debts.

12. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> was the first letter that JCS sent to Plaintiff regarding this alleged debt.

13. <u>Exhibit A</u> contains the following:

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NOTICE: 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 after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion of it, 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 of 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.

Exhibit A.

14. Exhibit A also states the following:

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Exhibit A.

15. The "back of this page" contains the following:

Notice of Important Information: Consumers have rights including, but not limited to those rights listed below:

Exhibit A.

16. The only information <u>Exhibit A</u> provides "below" is:

Restrictive Endorsement/Accord and Satisfaction/Post Dated Checks: Any check, money order or other instrument tendered as an accord in satisfaction, or which includes a condition, including but not limited to post dated checks, restrictive endorsement or any statement to the effect that acceptance of such instrument shall constitute full or partial satisfaction of a disputed or undisputed debt (collectively, a "Condition") must only be sent to us at PO Box 7999, Department R, Saint Cloud, MN 56302-7999. You must note conspicuously on the face of the payment instrument that it is tendered for this purpose. We reserve the right to refuse to accept any payment that is subject to a Condition. If the payment does not comply with the foregoing and we process it, we will not be bound by any Condition.

Exhibit A.

17. The "Restrictive Endorsement/Accord and Satisfaction/Post Dated Checks" information is not a statement of "consumer rights." On the contrary, this information states that JCS and/or FPB reserve the right to process a payment as a partial payment even if it is "tendered as an accord in satisfaction." <u>Exhibit A</u>.

18. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused about the consumer rights which were purportedly "listed below" the "Notice of Important Information." *Papetti v. Rawlings Fin. Servs., LLC,* 121 F. Supp. 3d 340, 350 (S.D.N.Y. 2015) ("The consumer, once misdirected to turn to the reverse side of the letter to find 'important information,' cannot be

expected to know, with certainty, that the separately enclosed document in fact contains this 'important information.' The consumer cannot even be expected to know what the undescribed 'important information' is.").

19. The consumer would be misled to believe that <u>Exhibit A</u> did not provide all of the information that it was supposed to be.

20. Upon information and belief, the purpose of the statement that "consumers have rights including, but not limited to those rights listed below" but then not listing any consumer rights below is to confuse the unsophisticated consumer and induce alleged debtors to call Defendant's offices, whereupon Defendant uses high-pressure tactics to induce alleged debtors into paying the debts Defendant is collecting.

21. Sending letters that make it impossible for the debtor to determine whether they have been apprised of all of their consumer rights is communication in a manner that can reasonably be expected to harass the consumer.

October 27, 2017 Letter

22. On or about October 27, 2017, JCS mailed another debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding the same alleged debt, allegedly owed to "FIRST PREMIER BANK (FPB)" ("FPB") and with the description "PREMIER BANKCARD MC." A copy of this letter is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit B.

23. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt referenced in <u>Exhibit B</u> is an alleged credit card account, used only for personal, family or household purposes.

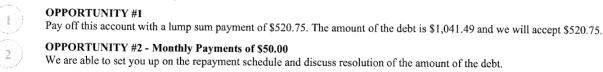
24. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit B</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.

25. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit B</u> is a form debt collection letter used by

JCS to attempt to collect alleged debts.

26. <u>Exhibit B</u> contains the following settlement offer:

We would like to offer you two flexible options to resolve the above Amount of Debt.



	844-362-9235 English and Español
(\mathbf{i})	MONEY GRAM Provide the MoneyGram representative with the information below to complete a payment: Receive Code: 15 • Your JCS Reference Number
	PO BOX 772813, CHICAGO, IL 60677-2813

Exhibit B.

27. <u>Exhibit B</u> also contains the following:

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PO BOX 1120 CHARLOTTE, NC 28201-1120

October 27, 2017	JCS Letter	Code - IRPASO 831150 00004431 JeffersonCapital.WFD Page 1 of 1
Amount of the Debt	Offer Amount	Amount Enclosed
\$1,041.49	\$520.75	

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JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS

Please include your JCS Reference Number 9087 on the check or money order payable to: Jefferson Capital

CHICAGO, IL 60677-2813

PO BOX 772813

□ Change of Address? Please update on reverse side.

Exhibit B.

28. The reverse side of Exhibit B contains the following:

Restrictive Endorsement/Accord and Satisfaction/Post Dated Checks: Any check, money order or other instrument tendered as an accord in satisfaction, or which includes a condition, including but not limited to post dated checks, restrictive endorsement or any statement to the effect that acceptance of such instrument shall constitute full or partial satisfaction of a disputed or undisputed debt (collectively, a "Condition") must only be sent to us at PO Box 7999, Department R, Saint Cloud, MN 56302-7999. You must note conspicuously on the face of the payment instrument that it is tendered for this purpose. We reserve the right to refuse to accept any payment that is subject to a Condition. If the payment does not comply with the foregoing and we process it, we will not be bound by any Condition.

Exhibit B.

29. <u>Exhibit B</u> is false, deceptive, misleading, confusing, and unconscionable on its face as to how Defendant will treat payments consumers tender in response to its settlement offer.

30. The first page of <u>Exhibit B</u> extends the consumer a "flexible option to resolve" the debt for roughly 50% of the alleged balance. <u>Exhibit B</u>.

31. Immediately below the offer, <u>Exhibit B</u> states three options for consumers who wish to tender the payment, including payment by telephone, payment through "Money Gram," and payment by mail to "PO BOX 772813, CHICAGO, IL 60677-2813." <u>Exhibit B</u>.

32. The first page of <u>Exhibit B</u> also includes a "tear-off" payment remittance slip, which provides the same PO Box 772813 address and a second address, "PO BOX 1120 CHARLOTTE, NC 28201-1120," as well as instructions to "include your JCS Reference Number []9087 on the check or money order payable to: Jefferson Capital." <u>Exhibit B</u>.

33. The reverse side of <u>Exhibit B</u> contains fine-print "Restrictive Endorsement/Accord and Satisfaction/Post Dated Checks" language, however. <u>Exhibit B</u>.

34. On its face, this fine-print language on the reverse side of <u>Exhibit B</u> is false, deceptive, misleading, confusing, and unconscionable because it directly conflicts with the terms of the settlement offer that is made on the face of <u>Exhibit A</u>.

35. The "Restrictive Endorsement" terms apply to "any check . . . which includes a condition . . . to the effect that . . . acceptance of such instrument shall constitute full or partial satisfaction of a disputed or undisputed debt." <u>Exhibit B</u>.

36. The plain meaning of the "Restrictive Endorsement" terms language is that the terms apply to payments tendered in acceptance of the settlement offer made on the first page of <u>Exhibit A</u>.

37. The "Restrictive Endorsement" terms require that the payment "must only be sent to [JCS] at PO Box 7999, Department R, Saint Cloud, MN 56302-7999." <u>Exhibit B</u>.

38. The "Restrictive Endorsement" terms also require the consumer to "note conspicuously on the face of the payment instrument that it is tendered for this purpose." <u>Exhibit</u> <u>B</u>.

39. The "Restrictive Endorsement" terms allow JCS to "refuse to accept any payment that is subject to a Condition." The "Restrictive Endorsement" terms further state that "if the payment does not comply with the foregoing and we process it, we will not be bound by any Condition." <u>Exhibit B</u>.

40. The instructions for how consumers should tender settlement payments on the first page directly conflict with the "Restrictive Endorsement" terms. Exhibit B.

41. A consumer following the instructions on the first page of <u>Exhibit B</u> could send a check to "PO BOX 772813, CHICAGO, IL 60677-2813," including the consumer's "JCS Reference Number[] on the check or money order payable to: Jefferson Capital." <u>Exhibit B</u>.

42. Because the consumer did not send the payment to JCS "at PO Box 7999, Department R, Saint Cloud, MN 56302-7999" and did not "note conspicuously on the face of the payment instrument that it [was] tendered" in full satisfaction of the debt, JCS could process the payment without JCS, or the creditor, being "bound by any Condition." <u>Exhibit B</u>.

43. Plaintiff was confused by <u>Exhibits A and B</u>.

44. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused by Exhibits A and B.

45. Plaintiff had to spend time and money investigating Exhibits A and B.

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46. 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 <u>Exhibits A and B</u>.

The FDCPA

47. The FDCPA creates substantive rights for consumers; violations cause injury to consumers, and such injuries are concrete and particularized. Bock v. Pressler & Pressler, LLP, No. 11-7593, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81058 *21 (D.N.J. May 25, 2017) ("through [s]ection 1692e of the FDCPA, Congress established 'an enforceable right to truthful information concerning' debt collection practices, a decision that 'was undoubtedly influenced by congressional awareness that the intentional provision of misinformation' related to such practices, 'contribute[s] to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy,"); 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. Ill. 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. Ill. 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).

48. 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").

49. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e generally prohibits "any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt."

50. 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."

51. 15 U.S.C. § 1692f generally prohibits a debt collector from using "unfair or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect any debt."

52. 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(1) specifically prohibits "the collection of any amount (including any interest, fee, charge, or expense incidental to the principal obligation) unless such amount is expressly authorized by the agreement creating the debt or permitted by law."

<u>COUNT I – FDCPA</u>

53. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

54. <u>Exhibit A</u> misleads the unsophisticated consumer by telling the consumer that there are consumer rights "listed below" but not listing any consumer rights below.

55. The practical effect of this misleading statement is that the unsophisticated consumer is induced to call the debt collector, which uses the contact as an opportunity to obtain information about the consumer and use other high-pressure debt collection tactics to attempt to induce the consumer to pay the debt.

56. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(10), and 1692f.

COUNT II – FDCPA

57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

58. <u>Exhibit B</u> is a false, deceptive, misleading, confusing, and unconscionable means of collecting debt because it provides conflicting information and attempts to induce the unsophisticated consumer into tendering settlement payments that JCS can process without actually resolving the debt.

59. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(10), 1692f, and 1692f(1).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

60. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of two Classes.

61. Class I ("Confusing Consumer Rights Information Class") consists of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent a collection letter by Defendant in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> to the complaint in this action, (c) seeking to collect an alleged debt incurred for personal, family or household purposes, (d) between July 12, 2016 and July 12, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service.

62. Class II ("Conflicting Settlement Offer Language Class") consists of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent a collection letter by Defendant in the form of Exhibit B to the complaint in this action, (c) seeking to collect an alleged debt

incurred for personal, family or household purposes, (d) between July 12, 2016 and July 12, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service.

63. Each Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable. On information and belief, there are more than 50 members of each Class.

64. 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 <u>Exhibits A and/or B</u> violate the FDCPA.

65. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.

66. 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.

67. A class action is superior to other alternative methods of adjudicating this dispute. Individual cases are not economically feasible.

JURY DEMAND

68. 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: July 12, 2017

ADEMI & O'REILLY, LLP

By: /s/ John D. Blythin John D. Blythin (SBN 1046105) Mark A. Eldridge (SBN 1089944) Jesse Fruchter (SBN 1097673) Ben J. Slatky (SBN 1106892) 3620 East Layton Avenue Cudahy, WI 53110 (414) 482-8000 (414) 482-8001 (fax) jblythin@ademilaw.com meldridge@ademilaw.com jfruchter@admemilaw.com

EXHIBIT A

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16 McLeland Road Saint Cloud, MN 56303 844-362-9235 English and Español Mon-Fri 8 AM - 3 PM Central Time

September 12, 2017

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JOHN T LAKKARD
1333 W GRANADA ST APT 4
MILWAUKEE WI 53221-5100

Your Account	Summary
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Debt Description:	PREMIER BANKCARD MC
Account #:	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Current Creditor:	FIRST PREMIER BANK (FPB)
JCS Reference #:	9087
Amount of the Debt:	\$1,041.49

Dear John T Lakkard:

Your referenced account has been placed with us for collections by our client FIRST PREMIER BANK (FPB).

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NOTICE: 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 after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion of it, 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 of 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.

Sincerely,

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Case 2:1565 COMPORTMENT OF COMPORTMENT OF COMMENT 1-1 Notice of Important Information: Consumers have rights including, but not limited to those rights listed below:

<u>Restrictive Endorsement/Accord and Satisfaction/Post Dated Checks:</u> Any check, money order or other instrument tendered as an accord in satisfaction, or which includes a condition, including but not limited to post dated checks, restrictive endorsement or any statement to the effect that acceptance of such instrument shall constitute full or partial satisfaction of a disputed or undisputed debt (collectively, a "Condition") must only be sent to us at PO Box 7999, Department R, Saint Cloud, MN 56302-7999. You must note conspicuously on the face of the payment instrument that it is tendered for this purpose. We reserve the right to refuse to accept any payment that is subject to a Condition. If the payment does not comply with the foregoing and we process it, we will not be bound by any Condition.

Exhibit B

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16 McLeland Road, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 844-362-9235 English and Español Mon-Thurs 8 AM - 8 PM, Fri 8AM - 3 PM Central Time



October 27, 2017

Dear John T Lakkard:

We would like to offer you two flexible options to resolve the above Amount of Debt.

OPPORTUNITY #1 Pay off this account with a lump sum payment of \$520.75. The amount of the debt is \$1,041.49 and we will accept \$520.75.

Debt Description:

Current Creditor:

JCS Reference #:

Account #:

Amount of the Debt: \$1,041.49

OPPORTUNITY #2 - Monthly Payments of \$50.00

We are able to set you up on the repayment schedule and discuss resolution of the amount of the debt.

844-362-9235 English and Español	Ì
MONEY GRAM Provide the MoneyGram representative with the information below to complete a payment: Receive Code: 15 • Your JCS Reference Number	
PO BOX 772813, CHICAGO, IL 60677-2813	Š)

Please call us toll-free at 844-362-9235 for account questions or to take advantage of our free pay-by-phone service. You may also mail your payment in the envelope enclosed.

Sincerely, Jeffersen Capital Systems, LLC Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Ostahan 27 2017

▼ PLEASE DETACH THE LOWER PORTION AND RETURN YOUR PAYMENT IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED ▼

JCS Letter Code - IRPASO 831150 00004431

PO BOX 1120 CHARLOTTE, NC 28201-1120

Jelober 27, 2017		JeffersonCapital.WFD Page
Amount of the Debt	Offer Amount	Amount Enclosed
\$1,041.49	\$520.75	

Please include your JCS Reference Number 9087 on the check or money order payable to: Jefferson Capital

Your Account Summary

9087

PREMIER BANKCARD MC

FIRST PREMIER BANK (FPB)

□ Change of Address? Please update on reverse side.

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Hıllılılalalar Hilberi ile JOHN T LAKKARD

JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS PO BOX 772813 CHICAGO, IL 60677-2813

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Notice of Important Information: Consumers have rights including, but not limited to those rights listed below:

Complaints: If you have a complaint, please write to us at 16 McLeland Road Dept. C Saint Cloud, MN 56303 or call us toll-free at 1-888-718-0048, Monday through Friday.

<u>Restrictive Endorsement/Accord and Satisfaction/Post Dated Checks:</u> Any check, money order or other instrument tendered as an accord in satisfaction, or which includes a condition, including but not limited to post dated checks, restrictive endorsement or any statement to the effect that acceptance of such instrument shall constitute full or partial satisfaction of a disputed or undisputed debt (collectively, a "Condition") must only be sent to us at PO Box 7999, Department R, Saint Cloud, MN 56302-7999. You must note conspicuously on the face of the payment instrument that it is tendered for this purpose. We reserve the right to refuse to accept any payment that is subject to a Condition. If the payment does not comply with the foregoing and we process it, we will not be bound by any Condition.

CHANGE OF NAME: Please mail your change of name request to Jefferson Capital, 16 McLeland Road, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 along with a copy of your driver's license or social security card.

Change of Address Notification Account Number					
Address		<u></u>	Apt#		
City		State	Zip		
Home Phone () -	Business Ph ()	one -	Other Phone () -		
Email AddressCase 2:17-cv-	01685 Filed 12/01/2	L7 Page 3 of	3 Document 1-2		

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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION	Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which 15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq Brief description of cause:	you are filing (Do not cite jurisdiction	al statutes unless diversity):	
	Violation of Fair Debt Collection Practices	s Act			
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS AC UNDER F.R.C.P. 23	TION DE	EMAND \$	CHECK YES only JURY DEMAND	r if demanded in complaint: : ☑ Yes ☐ No
VIII. RELATED CASE(S IF ANY	(See instructions): JUDGE			DOCKET NUMBER	
Date December 1, 2017 FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		of attorney o ohn D. Bly			
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading 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. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

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.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

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

for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

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JOHN LAKKARD,)
Plaintiff(s)	-
v.) Civ
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JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS LLC,)
Defendant(s)	-)

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

JEFFERSON CAPITAL SYSTEMS LLC c/o CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 8040 Excelsior Drive Suite 400 Madison, Wisconsin 53717

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you receive 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 the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: John D. Blythin Ademi & O'Beilly, LLP

Ademi & O'Reilly, LLP 3620 East Layton Avenue Cudahy, WI 53110

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.

STEPHEN C. DRIES, CLERK OF COURT

Action No. 17-cv-1685

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 17-cv-1685

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(l))

This summons and the attached complaint for (name of individual and title, if any):

I perconally conved	the summons and the attached con	plaint on the individual at (alass)	
	the summons and the attached con	ipiant on the individual at (<i>piace</i>):	
		On (date)	; or
\Box I left the summons	and the attached complaint at the in	ndividual's residence or usual place of	abode with (na.
	, a p	erson of suitable age and discretion wl	no resides there
on (date)	, and mailed a copy	to the individual's last known address;	or
\Box I served the summa	ons and the attached complaint on (name of individual)	
	-	ehalf of (name of organization)	
who is designated by h			
		_on (date)	, 01
\Box I returned the summ	nons unexecuted because		; or
Other (specify):			
My fees are \$	for travel and \$	for services, for a total of \$	0.00
I declare under penalty	of perjury that this information is t	rue.	
		Server's signature	
		Server's signature Printed name and title	

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

ClassAction.org

This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: <u>WI Consumer Cites Two Collection Notices in FDCPA Lawsuit Against Jefferson Capital Systems</u>