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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

| 20 | Florence Morris individually and on | Case No:                              |
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| 21 | behalf of others similarly situated |                                       |
| 22 | Plaintiffs,                         | Class Action Complaint For<br>Damages |
| 23 | V.                                  | Jury Trial Demanded                   |
| 24 | Hunter Warfield, Inc.               |                                       |
| 25 | Defendant.                          |                                       |
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#### Introduction

- 1. The United States Congress has found abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors, and has determined that abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy. Congress wrote the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA"), 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.
- 2. The California legislature has determined that the banking and credit system and grantors of credit to consumers are dependent upon the collection of just and owing debts and that unfair or deceptive collection practices undermine the public confidence that is essential to the continued functioning of the banking and credit system and sound extensions of credit to consumers. The Legislature has further determined that there is a need to ensure that debt collectors exercise this responsibility with fairness, honesty and due regard for the debtor's rights and that debt collectors must be prohibited from engaging in unfair or deceptive acts or practices.
- 3. Florence Morris, (Plaintiff), through Plaintiff's attorneys, brings this action to challenge the actions of Hunter Warfield, Inc., ("Defendant"), with regard to attempts by Defendant to unlawfully and abusively collect a debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff, and this conduct caused Plaintiff damages.
- 4. Plaintiff makes these allegations on information and belief, with the exception of those allegations that pertain to a plaintiff, which Plaintiff alleges on personal knowledge.

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- While many violations are described below with specificity, this Complaint 5. alleges violations of the statutes cited in their entirety.
- 6. Unless otherwise stated, all the conduct engaged in by Defendant took place in California.
- While many violations are described here with specificity, this Complaint 7. alleges violations of the FDCPA and Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, California Civil Code §§ 1788-1788.32 ("Rosenthal Act") in their entirety.
- Any violations by Defendant were knowing, willful, and intentional, and 8. Defendant did not maintain procedures reasonably adapted to avoid any such specific violation.
- All violations alleged regarding the FDCPA are material violations of the 9. FDCPA as these violations would limit the ability of a hypothetical least sophisticated debtor to make an intelligent choice as to the alleged debt and actions that should be taken to resolve the alleged debt.
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- 16. Through this complaint, Plaintiff does not allege that any state court judgment was entered against Plaintiff in error, and Plaintiff does not seek to reverse or modify any judgment of any state court.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- Jurisdiction of this Court arises pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, 15 U.S.C. § 17. 1692(k), and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 for supplemental state claims.
- This action arises out of Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collection 18. Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA") and California's Rosenthal Act..
- Because Defendant does business within the State of California, personal 19. jurisdiction is established.
- 19 20. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.
- 20 21. At all times relevant, Defendant conducted business within the State of California. 21

**PARTIES** 22

- Plaintiff is a natural person who resides in the City of San Diego, State of 23 22. California. 24
- 25 23. Defendant is located in the City of Tampa in the State of Florida.
- Plaintiff is a natural person allegedly obligated to pay a debt, and is a 24. 26 27 consumer, as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

- 25. Plaintiff is a natural person from whom a debt collector sought to collect a consumer debt which was alleged to be due and owing, and is a debtor as that term is defined by California Civil Code § 1788.2(h).
- 26. Defendant is a person who uses an instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mails in a business the principal purpose of which is the collection of debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another and is therefore a debt collector as that phrase is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
- 27. Defendant in the ordinary course of business, regularly, on behalf of themselves, or others, engages in debt collection as that term is defined by California Civil Code § 1788.2(b), and are therefore a debt collectors as that term is defined by California Civil Code § 1788.2(c).
- 28. This case involves money, property or their equivalent, due or owing or alleged to be due or owing from a natural person by reason of a consumer credit transaction. As such, this action arises out of a consumer debt and "consumer credit" as those terms are defined by Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.2(f).

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 29. Sometime before February 12, 2016, Plaintiff is alleged to have incurred certain financial obligations.
- 30. These financial obligations were primarily for personal, family or household purposes and are therefore a "debt" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(5).
- 31. Sometime thereafter, but before February 12, 2016, Plaintiff allegedly fell behind in the payments allegedly owed on the alleged debt. As it is irrelevant to this action, Plaintiff currently takes no position as to the validity of this alleged debt.
- 32. Subsequently, but before February 12, 2016, the alleged debt was assigned, placed, or otherwise transferred, to Defendant for collection.

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- As a result, on or about February 12, 2016, Defendant sent Plaintiff a written 33. communication with regard to Plaintiff's alleged debt. A few days later, Plaintiff received that letter.
- Defendant's February 12th letter stated that, "This debt has been reported or is 34. scheduled to be reported to one or all of the following three national credit reporting bureaus: Equifax Credit Information Services, LLC, TransUnion LLC, and Experian Information Solutions Inc. If your debt is reported to the credit bureaus this could adversely affect your credit."
- Additionally, the February 12th letter states "You are hereby notified that a 35. negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations."
- At this time, on information and belief, Defendant has not submitted a 36. negative credit report to be rejected on Plaintiff's credit record to the credit reporting agencies.
- Finally, the February 12th letter states "Should you elect to make a payment 37. by MoneyGram, Western Union, or a credit card, a separate fee will be charged to you by the payment service provider or processor."
- 38. Through this conduct, Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. 1692e(5) by using a threat to take any action that cannot legally be taken or that is not intended to be taken.
- Through this conduct, Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. 1692e by using false, 39. deceptive, and misleading representations in connection with the collection of Plaintiff's alleged debts. This section is incorporated into the RFDCPA through Cal. Civ. Code 1788.17; thus, Defendant also violated Cal. Civ, Code 1788.17.

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This communication to Plaintiff was a "communication" as that term is 40. defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2), and an "initial communication" consistent with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a).

#### CAUSES OF ACTION

### CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and on behalf of and all others 41. similarly situated (the "Class"). The proposed Class that Plaintiff seeks to represent are defined as follows:
  - (i) All persons with addresses within the State of California; (ii) who were sent one or more collection letter(s) by Defendant; (iii) to recover a consumer debt (iv) which was not returned undeliverable by the United States Postal Service; (vii) at any time one year prior to the date of the filing of this action; (viii) which stated the following:
    - (a) "This has been reported or is scheduled to be reported to one or all of the following three national credit reporting bureaus;"
    - (b) "a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations;"
    - (c) "Should you elect to make a payment by MoneyGram, Western Union, or a credit card, a separate fee will be charged to you by the payment service provider or processor."
- Defendant, its employees and agents are excluded from The Class. Plaintiff 42. does not know the number of members in The Class, but believes The Class members number in the tens of thousands, if not more. Thus, this matter should be certified as a Class Action to assist in the expeditious litigation of this matter.
- 43. Plaintiff and members of The Class were harmed by the acts of Defendant in at least the following ways:

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- Defendant illegally contacted Plaintiff and The Class members by way of their cellular telephones thereby causing Plaintiff and The Classmembers to incur certain cellular telephone charges or reduce cellular telephone time for which Plaintiff and The Class members previously paid, by having to retrieve or administer messages left by Defendant during those illegal calls, and by invading the privacy of said Plaintiff and The Class members. Plaintiff and The Class were damaged thereby.
- This suit seeks only damages and injunctive relief for recovery of economic 44. injury on behalf of The Class and it expressly is not intended to request any recovery for personal injury and claims related thereto. Plaintiff reserves the right to expand The Class definitions to seek recovery on behalf of additional persons as warranted as facts are learned in further investigation and discovery.
- The joinder of The Class members is impractical and the disposition of their 45. claims in the Class action will provide substantial benefits both to the parties and to the court. The Class can be identified through Defendant's records.
- There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact 46. involved affecting the parties to be represented. The questions of law and fact to The Class predominate over questions which may affect individual Class members, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - Whether Defendant's letter violated the FDCPA;
  - Whether Plaintiff and The Class were damaged thereby, and the extent of damages for such violation;
  - Whether members of the Class are entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit pursuant to the FDCPA;
  - Whether Defendant should be enjoined from engaging in such conduct in the future; and,

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- Whether Defendant can satisfy the bona fide error affirmative defense;.
- 47. As a person that received at least one written communication from Defendant in violation of fair debt collection laws, Plaintiff is asserting claims that are typical of the Class.
- 48. Plaintiff and the members of The Class have all suffered irreparable harm as a result of the Defendant's unlawful and wrongful conduct. Absent a class action, The Class will continue to face the potential for irreparable harm. In addition, these violations of law will be allowed to proceed without remedy and Defendant will likely continue such illegal conduct. Because of the size of the individual Class and member's claims, few, if any, The Classmembers could afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein.
- 49. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in handling class action claims and claims involving consumer actions and violations of the Fair Debt Collection
- 50. A class action is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Class-wide damages are essential to induce Defendant to comply with federal and California law. The interest of Class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against Defendant is small because the maximum statutory damages in an individual action for violation of privacy are minimal. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties than those presented in many class claims.
- 51. Defendant has acted on grounds generally applicable to The Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

### COUNT I

# FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT (FDCPA) 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692 ET SEQ.

- 52. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference, all other paragraphs.
- 53. The foregoing acts and omissions constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the above-cited provisions of the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.
- 54. As a result of each and every violation of the FDCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to any actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1); statutory damages in an amount up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A); and, reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) from Defendant.

### **COUNT II**

# ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT (ROSENTHAL ACT) CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 1788-1788.32

- 55. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges, and incorporates by reference, all other paragraphs.
- 56. The foregoing acts and omissions constitute numerous and multiple violations of the Rosenthal Act, including but not limited to each and every one of the above-cited provisions of the Rosenthal Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1788-1788.32.
- As a result of each and every violation of the Rosenthal Act, Plaintiff is entitled to any actual damages pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.30(a); statutory damages for a knowing or willful violation in the amount up to \$1,000 pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.30(b); and reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Cal. Civ.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Code § 1788.30(c) from Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant, and

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| 1   | Plaintiff be awarded damages from Defendant, as follows:                          |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3   | • An award of statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §             |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 12  | to Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.30(c).   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13  | 57. Pursuant to the seventh amendment to the Constitution of the United States of |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14  | America, Plaintiff is entitled to, and demands, a trial by jury.                  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 17  | Hyde & Swigart  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 19  | Friday, February 10, 2017 By <u>:/s/ Joshua B. Swigart</u> Joshua B. Swigart      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20  | Attorneys for Plaintiff   |  |  |  |  |  |
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- (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)".
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  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.

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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; **NOTE: 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 clerk(s) 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 six boxes.

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

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