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

JACQUELINE OLSON, Individually and on	) Case No.: 17-cv-1682
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
Plaintiff,	
vs.	Jury Trial Demanded
CENTRAL CREDIT SERVICES, LLC,	
Defendant.	ý .

#### **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 Jacqueline Olson is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).
- 4. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), in that Defendant sought to collect from her a debt allegedly incurred for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 5. Defendant Central Credit Services, LLC ("CCS") is a debt collection agency with its principal offices located at 9550 Regency Square Blvd, Suite 500, Jacksonville, FL 32225-8169.

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

#### **FACTS**

- 8. On or about February 14, 2017, CCS mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding an alleged debt, allegedly owed to "First Premier Bank." A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as Exhibit A.
- 9. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt that CSS was attempting to collect was a consumer credit card account, used only for personal, family, or household purposes. First Premier Bank "is the 10th largest issuer of MasterCard brand credit cards in the United States. The bank is known for specializing in a wide range of subprime credit cards that are marketed to individuals with 'less than perfect' credit." *See* <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First\_Premier\_Bank">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First\_Premier\_Bank</a>.
- 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 CCS to attempt to collect alleged debts.
- 12. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is the first written communication that CCS sent to Plaintiff regarding the alleged debt to which <u>Exhibit A</u> refers.
  - 13. Exhibit A contains the following text:

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.

- 14. The above language in Exhibit A is the debt validation notice that the FDCPA requires to be included with the initial written communication to the consumer. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g.
  - 15. Exhibit A also contains the following settlement offer:

Your account with FIRST PREMIER BANK has been designated to our firm for collections. We are a professional collection agency that helps out numerous people in your situation. Please examine some of the possibilities below that are open for you.

- Option 1: Split the balance into 3 payments over 3 months until this account is paid in full. To fulfill this option, pay 3 payments of \$350.59 payment.
- Option 2: Pay a one time payment of 80% of the balance in the amount of \$841.42 to settle the account. This option will save you \$210.35 on your account.

We are not obligated to renew these offers.

- 16. The above offer for settlement detailed in "Option 2" gives no definite deadline for accepting the offer and no indication that the offer is a "limited time" offer. Exhibit A.
- 17. The statement below: "We are not obligated to renew these offers," however, implies the offer for settlement may lapse.
- 18. The purpose of the "we are not obligated to renew this offer" language is to serve as a safe harbor from claims alleging that the debt collector misrepresented that an offer is available for a limited-time. *Evory v. RJM Acquisitions Funding L.L.C.*, 505 F.3d 769, 775-76 (7th Cir. 2007). Here, CCS makes no such representation. The language confuses as to whether the offer is a limited-time offer or not, and is out-of-place and confusing.
- 19. The unsophisticated consumer, receiving this letter, would be left to wonder about the deadline for acceptance, which is a material term of the offer. *See Smith v. Nat'l Enter. Sys., Inc.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 47701, at \*12-13 (W.D. Okla. Mar. 30, 2017).
- 20. Moreover, in the absence of an expiration date certain, the unsophisticated consumer would understand a statement that "we are not obligated to renew this offer" as an implied threat to revoke or amend the settlement offer at any time and without notice.

- 21. The effect of the settlement offer in the initial written debt communication is to discourage or prevent consumers from exercising their validation rights.
  - 22. Additionally, Exhibit A contains the following text:

If you are incapable of fulfilling either of these options or if you have any questions regarding your account, please don't hesitate to give one of our collection specialists a call at 1-877-209-4163.

23. The text in CCS's letter to Plaintiff is inconsistent with 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692g(a)(4), which states:

#### (a) Notice of debt; contents

Within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the following information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing—

(4) a statement that if the consumer notifies the debt collector *in writing* within the thirty-day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the debt collector will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment against the consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the consumer by the debt collector;

(emphasis added).

- 24. The language reproduced in paragraph 28, above, overshadows the FDCPA debt validation notice.
- 25. Exhibit A fails to clearly and unambiguously inform the unsophisticated consumer that, in order to invoke his or her right to require CCS to cease most collection activities until they provide verification of the debt, the consumer must make the request in writing. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(4). Instead, it tells the consumer to "if you have any questions regarding your account, please don't hesitate to give one of our collection specialists a call...."
- 26. Many "questions regarding this account" a consumer would have about an alleged debt or a collection letter, including but not limited to whether the amount of the debt is correct

and whether the debt is owed at all, are "disputes" *See DeKoven v. Plaza Associates*, 599 F.3d 578, 582 (7th Cir. 2010); *Gruber v. Creditors' Prot. Serv.*, 742 F.3d 271, 274 (7th Cir. 2014).

- 27. CCS's language falsely indicates that the easier option of calling CCS with "questions" is equivalent to sending "questions" (i.e. disputes) in writing, when it is not. *McCabe* v. *Crawford & Co.*, 272 F. Supp. 2d 736, 738 (N.D. Ill. 2003).
- 28. The practical effect of the request to call CCS is to discourage consumers from disputing debts in writing.
- 29. An oral dispute does not trigger the FDCPA verification requirements, which includes a temporary suspension of collection efforts until verification is provided. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b).
- 30. CCS did not effectively convey to the consumers their rights under the FDCPA. *McCabe*, 272 F. Supp. 2d at 743; *see also Desantis v. Computer Credit, Inc.*, 269 F.3d 159, 161 (2d Cir. 2001) (a "debt collector violates the Act if it fails to convey the information required by the Act.").
- 31. The consumer is not required to rely upon the debt collector to voluntarily comply with the FDCPA. *McCabe*, 272 F. Supp. 2d at 738 ("However, Crawford misses the point of the protection found in § 1692g(a)(4). Although a debt collector *may* provide verification upon *oral* notification, the debt collector *must* provide verification upon *written* notification. If the debtor gives only *oral* notification of the dispute, the FDCPA imposes no requirement on the debt collector to obtain verification of the debt.").
- 32. Failure to provide the correct validation notice within five days of the initial communication with Plaintiff and the class is a *per se* violation of the FDCPA. *Janetos v. Fulton Friedman & Gullace, LLP*, 825 F.3d 317, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 6361 \*15-16 (7th Cir. Apr. 7,

2016) ("we have not extended the implicit materiality requirement of § 1692e to reach claims under § 1692g(a).).

33. For purposes of Plaintiff's claim under 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692e(10), Defendants' omission is a material violation of the FDCPA. A consumer who attempts to orally exercise verification rights or a request for the identity of the original creditor does not effectively invoke his or her rights under 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b):

#### (b) Disputed debts

If the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing within the thirty-day period described in subsection (a) of this section that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, or that the consumer requests the name and address of the original creditor, the debt collector shall cease collection of the debt, or any disputed portion thereof, until the debt collector obtains verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment, or the name and address of the original creditor, and a copy of such verification or judgment, or name and address of the original creditor, is mailed to the consumer by the debt collector. Collection activities and communications that do not otherwise violate this subchapter may continue during the 30-day period referred to in subsection (a) unless the consumer has notified the debt collector in writing that the debt, or any portion of the debt, is disputed or that the consumer requests the name and address of the original creditor. Any collection activities and communication during the 30-day period may not overshadow or be inconsistent with the disclosure of the consumer's right to dispute the debt or request the name and address of the original creditor.

(emphasis added).

- 34. CCS's statement that the consumer could write or call with questions about a debt overshadows the validation notice. 16 U.S.C. § 1692g.
  - 35. Plaintiff was confused by Exhibit A.
  - 36. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused by Exhibit A.
- 37. Plaintiff had to spend time and money investigating <u>Exhibit A</u> and the consequences of any potential responses to <u>Exhibit A</u>.

- 38. 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.
- 39. 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. 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).

40. 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").

#### COUNT I - FDCPA

- 41. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 42. The statement on <u>Exhibit A</u> that "We are not obligated to renew these offers "conflicts with and overshadows the debt validation notice, in that it demands a payment within the validation period or shortly thereafter, but does not explain how the validation notice and settlement offer fit together. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g; *Bartlett*, 128 F.3d at 500.
- 43. Additionally, by encouraging Plaintiff to call CCS with any questions regarding the debt, Exhibit A effectively fails to inform the consumer that, in order to invoke his or her right to obtain verification of the debt, the consumer must make the request in writing. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(4).
- 44. <u>Exhibit A</u> is confusing, deceptive, and/or misleading to the unsophisticated consumer.

45. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(b) states, in part:

#### (b) Disputed debts

...

Any collection activities and communication during the 30-day period may not overshadow or be inconsistent with the disclosure of the consumer's right to dispute the debt or request the name and address of the original creditor.

- 46. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e provides, in relevant part: "A debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt."
- 47. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(5) prohibits: "The threat to take any action that cannot legally be taken or that is not intended to be taken."
- 48. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) prohibits: "The use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt or to obtain information concerning a consumer.
  - 49. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(5), 1692e(10) and 1692g.

#### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

- 50. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of a Class, consisting of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent a collection letter in the form represented by Exhibit A to the complaint in this action, (c) seeking to collect a debt for personal, family or household purposes, (d) between November 2, 2016 up to and including November 2, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service.
- 51. The Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable. On information and belief, there are more than 50 members of the Class.
- 52. 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 the Defendants complied with 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, 1692e(10), and 1692g.

- 53. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.
- 54. 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.
- 55. A class action is superior to other alternative methods of adjudicating this dispute. Individual cases are not economically feasible.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

56. 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: December 1, 2017

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# **EXHIBIT A**

Dept 673 PO Box 4115 Concord, CA 94524

February 14, 2017

Address Service Requested

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Account Details

Reference 53KC Balance Due: \$1051.77

Statement Date: February 14, 2017

Collector #: 1-877-209-4163

Office Hours (CT):

Monday - Thursday 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Friday 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Saturday - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

CENTRAL CREDIT SERVICES LLC

PO BOX 1850

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CHECK BY PHONE

is ACCEPTED



CREDITOR: CLIENT REFERENCE #: FIRST PREMIER BANK

CENTRAL CREDIT #: ACCOUNT BALANCE:

PIN NO.:

53KC \$1051.77 3785

Make a payment by phone by calling 1-877-209-4163 or pay online at portal.ccscollect.com using your PIN # 3785.

Dear JACQUELINE OLSON,

Your account with FIRST PREMIER BANK has been designated to our firm for collections. We are a professional collection agency that helps out numerous people in your situation. Please examine some of the possibilities below that are open for you.

Option 1: Split the balance into 3 payments over 3 months until this account is paid in full. To fulfill this option, pay 3 payments of \$350.59 payment.

Option 2: Pay a one time payment of 80% of the balance in the amount of \$841.42 to settle the account. This option will save you \$210.35 on your account.

We are not obligated to renew these offers.

Please mark the option you would like to take advantage of and remit your check or money order in the enclosed envelope or contact a representative at 1-877-209-4163 to schedule your payment electronically with check by phone, debit card or credit card.

If you are incapable of fulfilling either of these options or if you have any questions regarding your account, please don't hesitate to give one of our collection specialists a call at 1-877-209-4163.

Sincerely. Central Credit Services 20 Corporate Hills Dr St Charles, MO 63301 Collector # 1-877-209-4163

NOTICE: The preceding information does not affect your rights set forth below.

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.

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This communication is from a debt collector. Calls to and from this company may be monitored or recorded.

Our office is open Monday - Thursday 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M., Friday 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., Saturday - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. CT

NOTICE: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION

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

#### **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

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 THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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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.

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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JACQUELINI		_ )
Plaintiff	$\tilde{f}(s)$	)
V.		) Civil Action No. 17-cv-1682 )
CENTRAL CREDIT	SERVICES, LLC	)
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	SUMMONS	S IN A CIVIL ACTION
To: (Defendant's name and address)	CENTRAL CREDIT SEI c/o C T CORPORATION 301 S. Bedford St. Suite Madison, WI 53703	SYSTEM
A lawsuit has been file	ed against you.	
the United States or a United 12(a)(2) or (3) – you must se	States agency, or an offi rve on the plaintiff an ar	on you (not counting the day you receive it) – or 60 days if you are icer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. aswer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the on must be served on the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney, whose
If you fail to respond. You also must file your answe	judgment by default wi	Il be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
		STEPHEN C. DRIES, CLERK OF COURT
Date:		Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk
		Signature of Clerk of Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 17-cv-1682

#### PROOF OF SERVICE

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

ceived by me on (date)	·		
☐ I personally served	the summons and the attached con	applaint on the individual at (place):	
		On (date)	; or
☐ I left the summons	and the attached complaint at the i	ndividual's residence or usual place of a	bode with
	, a <u>r</u>	erson of suitable age and discretion wh	o resides th
on (date)	, and mailed a copy	to the individual's last known address;	or
☐ I served the summo	ons and the attached complaint on (	name of individual)	
who is designated by la	aw to accept service of process on l	behalf of (name of organization)	
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☐ I returned the summ	nons unexecuted because	on (date)	
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Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

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