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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Joanne Pacheco, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Docket No:

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

First National Collection Bureau, Inc. and LVNV Funding, LLC,

Defendants.

Joanne Pacheco, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated (hereinafter referred to as "*Plaintiff*"), by and through the undersigned counsel, complains, states and alleges against First National Collection Bureau, Inc. and LVNV Funding, LLC (hereinafter referred to collectively as "*Defendants*"), as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This action seeks to recover for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.*, ("FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).

3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this Judicial District.

BARSHAY | SANDERSPLLC 100 GARDEN CITY PLAZA, SUITE 500 GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK 11530 4. At all relevant times, Defendants conducted business within the State of New York.

PARTIES

5. Plaintiff Joanne Pacheco is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Suffolk County, New York.

6. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

7. On information and belief, Defendant First National Collection Bureau, Inc., is a Nevada Corporation with a principal place of business in Washoe County, Nevada.

8. On information and belief, Defendant LVNV Funding, LLC, is a Delaware Limited Liability Company with a principal place of business in New Castle County, Delaware.

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

10. Defendants are "debt collectors" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

ALLEGATIONS

11. Defendants allege Plaintiff owes a debt ("the Debt").

12. The Debt was primarily for personal, family or household purposes and is therefore a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).

13. Sometime after the incurrence of the Debt, Plaintiff fell behind on payments owed.

14. Thereafter, at an exact time known only to Defendants, the debt was assigned or otherwise transferred to Defendants for collection.

15. In their efforts to collect the debt, Defendants contacted Plaintiff by letter ("the Letter") dated July 25, 2016. ("<u>Exhibit 1</u>.")

16. The letter was the initial communication Plaintiff received from Defendants.

17. The letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

FIRST COUNT Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g Failure to Adequately Convey the Amount of the Debt

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

19. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g provides that within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing certain enumerated information.

20. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1) requires the written notice provide "the amount of the debt."

21. The question of whether a written notice adequately provides "the amount of the debt" is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."

22. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must convey the amount of the debt clearly from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.

23. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must convey the amount of the debt accurately from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.

24. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must convey the amount of the debt without ambiguity from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.

25. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. 1692g(a)(1), must allow the least sophisticated consumer to determine the minimum amount she owes at the time of the notice.

26. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must allow the least sophisticated consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future.

27. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must contain an explanation, understandable by the least sophisticated consumer, of any fees or interest that may cause the balance to increase at any time in the future.

28. The failure to include the foregoing information renders an otherwise accurate statement of the "amount of the debt," violative of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).

29. Even if a debt collector accurately conveys the foregoing information, the written notice nevertheless violates 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1) if the least sophisticated consumer could inaccurately interpret the message.

30. The Debt was incurred on a credit card issued by Credit One Bank, N.A.

31. At all relevant times herein, the Debt accrued, and was subject to, interest.

32. At all relevant times herein, the Debt accrued, and was subject to, late fees.

33. The Letter sets forth \$297.47 in "Interest Accrued Since Charge-off," as well as a

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"Total Due."

34. The Letter fails to disclose whether the amount stated may increase due to additional interest.

35. The Letter fails to disclose whether the amount stated may increase due to additional late fees.

36. The Letter fails to indicate whether payment of the amount stated would satisfy the debt.

37. The Letter fails to indicate whether payment of the amount stated by any date certain would satisfy the debt.

38. The Letter includes a settlement offer.

39. The Letter fails to indicate whether the amount stated may increase due to additional interest if the settlement is not accepted.

40. The Letter fails to indicate whether the amount stated may increase due to additional late fees if the settlement is not accepted.

41. The Letter fails to indicate the minimum amount Plaintiff owed at the time of the Letter.

42. The Letter fails to provide any information that would allow Plaintiff to determine what Plaintiff will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future.

43. The Letter fails to include any "safe harbor" language concerning the accrual of interest.

44. The Letter fails to include any "safe harbor" language concerning the accrual of late fees.

45. The Letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the minimum amount owed at the time of the Letter.

46. The Letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine what she will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future.

47. The Letter, because of the aforementioned failures would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the amount of his or her debt.

48. The Letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the amount of her debt because the consumer would

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49. The Letter, because of the aforementioned failures, would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the value of Defendant's settlement offer because the consumer would not know whether interest and fees would continue to accrue, or whether the amount of the debt was static, if the settlement was not accepted.

50. The least sophisticated consumer, because of the aforementioned failures, could reasonably believe that the debt could be satisfied by remitting the amount stated at any time after receipt of the Letter.

51. The least sophisticated consumer, because of the aforementioned failures, could also reasonably believe that the amount stated was accurate only on the date of the Letter because of the continued accumulation of interest.

52. The least sophisticated consumer, because of the aforementioned failures, could also reasonably believe that the amount stated was accurate only on the date of the Letter because of the continued accumulation of late fees.

53. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to indicate the applicable interest rate.

54. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to indicate the date of accrual of interest.

55. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide the amount of interest during any measurable period.

56. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide any information that would enable to consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve on any date after the date of the Letter.

57. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide any information that would enable to consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve the debt in the future.

58. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to indicate the amount of late fees.

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59. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to indicate the date such fees will be added.

60. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide the amount of late fees during any measurable period.

61. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide any information that would enable to consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve on any date after the date of the Letter.

62. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide any information that would enable to consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve the debt in the future.

63. The failure to include the foregoing information could lead the least sophisticated consumer to inaccurately interpret the message.

64. The failure to include the foregoing information renders the Letter's statement of the amount of the debt, even if otherwise accurate, incomplete.

65. The failure to include the foregoing information renders the Letter's statement of the amount of the debt, even if otherwise accurate, insufficient.

66. The failure to include the foregoing information renders the Letter's statement of the amount of the debt, even if otherwise accurate, violative of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).

67. For these reasons, Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).

SECOND COUNT Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e False or Misleading Representations

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

69. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.

70. While § 1692e specifically prohibits certain practices, the list is non-exhaustive, and does not preclude a claim of falsity or deception based on any non-enumerated practice.

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

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72. A collection letter is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate.

73. A collection letter is also deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it is reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer.

74. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e requires debt collectors, when they notify consumers of their account balance, to disclose whether the balance may increase due to interest and fees.

75. The amount of the debt is a material piece of information to a consumer.

76. Knowing the amount of the debt affects how a consumer responds to a debt collector's attempts to collect the debt.

77. As previously alleged, the least sophisticated consumer could reasonably read the Letter to mean that the amount stated was static.

78. As previously alleged, the least sophisticated consumer could also reasonably read the Letter to mean that the amount stated was dynamic due to the continued accumulation of interest and/or late fees.

79. Because the Letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate, as described, it is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

80. Because the Letter is susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer, it is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

81. For these reasons, Defendants violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

82. Plaintiff brings this action individually and as a class action on behalf of all persons similarly situated in the State of New York from whom Defendants attempted to collect a consumer debt without disclosing in their collection letter whether interest and late fees were continuing to accrue, from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.

83. This action seeks a finding that Defendants' conduct violates the FDCPA, and asks that the Court award damages as authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.

84. Defendants regularly engage in debt collection.

85. The Class consists of more than 35 persons from whom Defendants attempted to

collect delinquent consumer debts without disclosing in their collection letter whether interest and late fees were continuing to accrue.

86. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Common questions of law or fact raised by this class action complaint affect all members of the Class and predominate over any individual issues. Common relief is therefore sought on behalf of all members of the Class. This class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

87. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Class, and a risk that any adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class would, as a practical matter, either be dispositive of the interests of other members of the Class not party to the adjudication, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests. Defendants have acted in a manner applicable to the Class as a whole such that declaratory relief is warranted.

88. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect and represent the interests of the Class. The management of the class action proposed is not extraordinarily difficult, and the factual and legal issues raised by this class action complaint will not require extended contact with the members of the Class, because Defendants' conduct was perpetrated on all members of the Class and will be established by common proof. Moreover, Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in actions brought under consumer protection laws.

JURY DEMAND

89. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial of this action by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests judgment as follows:

a. Certify this action as a class action; and

b. Appoint Plaintiff as Class Representative of the Class, and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel; and

c. Find that Defendants' actions violate the FDCPA; and

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d. Grant damages against Defendants pursuant to 15 U.S.C. $\$ 1692k; and

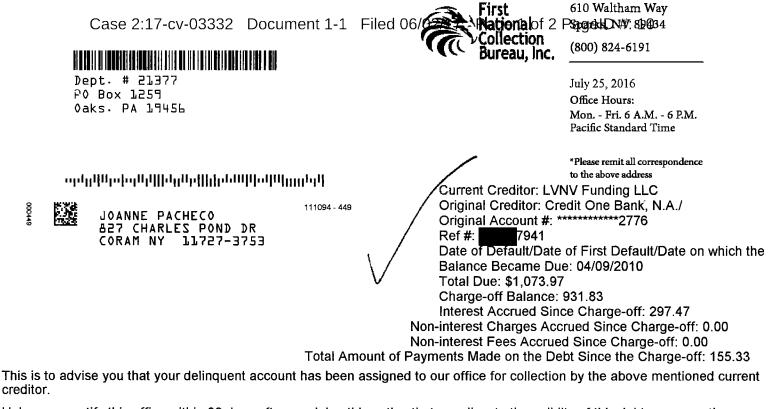
e. Grant Plaintiff's attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. $\$ 1692k; and

- f. Grant Plaintiff's costs; together with
- g. Such other relief that the Court determines is just and proper.

DATED: June 1, 2017

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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 the validity of this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

We are required by regulation of the New York State Department of Financial Services to notify you of the following information. This information is NOT legal advice: Your creditor or debt collector believes that the legal time limit (statute of limitations) for suing you to collect this debt may have expired. It is a violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act 15 U S C. §1692 et seq., to sue to collect on a debt for which the statute of limitations has expired. However, if the creditor sues you to collect on this debt, you may be able to prevent the creditor from obtaining a judgment against you. To do so, you must tell the court that the statute of limitations has expired. Even if the statute of limitations has expired, you may choose to make payments on the debt. However, be aware: if you make a payment on the debt, admit to owing the debt, promise to pay the debt, or waive the statute of limitations on the debt, the time period in which the debt is enforceable in court may start again. If you would like to learn more about your legal rights and options, you can consult an attorney or a legal assistance or legal aid organization. Total Due, \$1.073.97

The law limits how long you can be sued on a debt. Because of the age of your debt, LVNV Funding LLC will not sue you for it. If you do not pay the debt, LVNV Funding LLC may report or continue to report it to the credit reporting agencies as unpaid. Total Due: \$1.073.97

In order to aid your financial situation, as may be necessary, we could set up your account on a monthly payment plan.

We would like to extend the following discounted offer:

An approximately 70% discount payable in 5 payments totaling \$322.19. Each payment within 30 days of the previous payment.

We are not obligated to renew this offer.

If you wish to speak with a representative please call (800) 824 6191.

For your convenience you may pay via a check over the phone or credit card.

You have our word that your account executive will treat you fairly and with respect.

Sincerely,

Mayra Garcia

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

For your convenience, if you would like to make your payment online, visit our website at www.fncbinc.com.

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Debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but not limited to: the use or threat of violence; the use of obscene or profane language; and repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:

1) Supplemental security income (SSI); 2) Social Security; 3) Public assistance (welfare); 4) Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support; 5) Unemployment benefits; 6) Disability benefits; 7) Workers' compensation benefits; 8) Public or private pensions; 9) Veterans' benefits; 10) Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and 11) Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

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

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Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

I, <u>Craig B. Sanders</u>, counsel for <u>Plaintiff</u>, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

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

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1

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

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

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

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

1. Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County: <u>NO</u>

If you answered "no" above:
a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? <u>YES</u>

b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? YES

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

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

BAR ADMISSION

I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court.

Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court? Yes (If yes, please explain) No

I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature:	/s	Craig	B.	Sanders

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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Joanne Pacheco, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated)))
<i>Plaintiff(s)</i>)
v.) Civil Action No.
First National Collection Bureau, Inc. and LVNV Funding, LLC))

Defendant(s)

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) First National Collection Bureau, Inc. C/O LEXIS DOCUMENT SERVICES INC. 80 STATE STREET ALBANY, NEW YORK, 12207-2543

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

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

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

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

CLERK OF COURT

Date: _____

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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Joanne Pacheco, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated)) _
<i>Plaintiff(s)</i>)
v.) Civil Action No.
First National Collection Bureau, Inc. and LVNV Funding, LLC))

Defendant(s)

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) LVNV Funding, LLC c/o Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400 Wilmington, Delaware 19808

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Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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