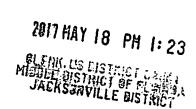
UNITED STATES DISTRCT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA JACKSONVILLE DIVISION



JOYCE FUDGE WILLIAMS

Individually and on behalf of a class of persons similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 3:17-CV-570-J-34 JRK

vs.

NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC, D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC.,

Defendant.

ACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, JOYCE FUDGE WILLIAMS, (hereinafter referred to as "Ms. Williams" or Plaintiff), by and through undersigned counsel, and sues Defendant, NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC, D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC., hereinafter referred to as "Shellpoint Mortgage" or Defendant), and alleges:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This is a class action brought under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act ("FCCPA"), Fla. Stat. § 559.55 et seq., the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2201 and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq. ("TCPA") This Court has jurisdiction over the Plaintiff's claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (b), 15 U.S.C. § 1692k, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2201 (d) and 28 U.S.C. § 1334 (b).

2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 since Plaintiff resides in this District and the conduct complained of occurred in this District.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff is a natural person and a resident of Duval County, Florida. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff was a "debtor" or "consumer" as defined by Fla. Stat. § 559.55(2) and 15 U.S.C. § 1692a (3) and a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. §153(39). Plaintiff has standing to bring a claim under the FDCPA, the FCCPA, the Declaratory Judgment Act and TCPA because she was directly affected by violations of these Acts, and was subjected to Defendant's illegal and improper debt collection activities.
- 4. Defendant, New Penn Financial, LLC, is a mortgage loan servicer based in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Inc., is an operating division of New Penn Financial, LLC, with its main office in Greenville, South Carolina. Defendant markets to lenders that it is uniquely equipped to manage the heightened requirements of servicing loans in default and in bankruptcy. Defendant regularly conducts business in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida.

COUNT I: FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT (FDCPA)

- 5. This is an action seeking class wide relief for violation of the FDCPA to recover actual damages in the form of money paid by Plaintiff and all those similarly situated to Defendant pursuant to a non-existent debt, for statutory damages under 15 U.S.C.A. § 1692k(a)(2)(B) and attorney's fees and the costs of this action under 15 U.S.C.A. § 1692k(a)(3).
- 6. On or about November 19, 2007, Plaintiff executed and delivered a promissory note to Amnet Mortgage Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of Florida, for personal, family, or

household services, specifically a mortgage loan on her home at 8428 McGirts Village, Jacksonville, Florida 32210. That same day, Plaintiff executed a purchase money mortgage securing payment to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Ament Mortgage. In due course, the Mortgage was assigned to the Federal National Mortgage Association. ("FNMA"). The mortgage loan was serviced by Seretus, who monthly corresponded with Ms. Williams by U.S. Mail by means of a periodic mortgage statement.

- 7. On November 4, 2011, Ms. Williams filed a voluntary petition for protection from creditors under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. [Case No. 3:11-bk-08126-PMG Doc. #1]. On November 4, 2012, a notice of appearance and request for notice was filed by Antonio Alonso on behalf of creditor Seterus, Inc., as mortgage servicing company for Federal National Mortgage Association. [Id. Doc. #27].
- 8. The Bankruptcy Code recognizes the vulnerabilities of debtors and implements a strict procedure for reaffirmations of debt by debtors under 11 U.S.C. § 524 (c). This statute requires public and timely filing of all reaffirmation agreements, that the debtor be given written disclosures and provides the debtor an opportunity to rescind the reaffirmation agreement. All of these protections are designed to make sure a debtor does not forfeit the fresh start protections available under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.
- 9. As required under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and provided in Debtor's Intent to Surrender Real Property, Ms. Williams stated that she would not reaffirm the mortgage to FNMA and would relinquish her home located at 8428 McGirts Village Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32210.
- 10. No reaffirmation agreement was ever exchanged, agreed to or filed with the Bankruptcy Court with respect to the subject mortgage between Plaintiff and FNMA., the holder

of the mortgage note, or its mortgage servicing company agents, Seterus, Inc., or Defendant Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, a division of New Penn Financial, LLC.

- 11. On April 2, 2012, the mortgage loan servicing company Seterus filed its Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay and sought leave to foreclose the mortgage on the Plaintiff's home located at 8428 Mcgirts Village Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32210. [Case No. 3:11-Bk-08126-PMG Doc. #28]. As an exhibit to its Motion, counsel for the mortgage loan servicer Seterus, Inc., filed an affidavit stating under oath that Ms. Williams intended to surrender her home. [Id. Doc. 28-3]. In due course, the Bankruptcy Court entered its Order granting relief from the automatic stay. [Id. Doc. #32].]
- 12. On April 5, 2012, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court entered its Discharge of Debtor. [Id. Doc. #29]. Seterus, Inc., the mortgage servicing agent for Federal National Mortgage Association, was provided notice of the Discharge by the Clerk of Court by U.S. Mail to its agent's offices located at 14523 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton, OR 97005-2352; and to its attorney of record. [Id. Doc. # 30 Page 1]. In addition, notice of the Discharge was provided by email to its corporate attorneys, antonio.alonso@marshallwatson.com; jario.garcia@marshallwatson.com; and BKMailfromCourt@MarshallWatson.com (Exhibit "A"). The Order of Discharge provided notice to the creditor, Federal National Mortgage Association, and its agent, that the note and underlying debt secured by the subject mortgage was not collectable. Pursuant to the Chapter 7 bankruptcy discharge order, Plaintiff was fully released from any and all personal monetary liabilities on the subject loan.
- 13. On September 6, 2013, Federal National Mortgage Association filed its verified complaint to foreclose on Ms. Williams' home in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit,

in and for Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida. [Case No. 16-2013-CA-008235-XXXX-MA Doc. #4].

- 14. On or about May 16, 2016, Ms. Williams' mortgage and note was transferred from Seterus, Inc., to Defendant Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, a division of New Penn Financial, LLC, for servicing.
- Servicing, Inc., sent communications to Plaintiff, Ms. Williams, in an effort to collect a debt, notwithstanding the U.S. Bankruptcy Court's Order of Discharge. On May 20, 2016, Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Inc., provided Ms. Williams with a letter of assignment together with a payment coupon which listed, among other things, a "First Payment Due Date"; "Monthly Payment Amount of \$663.95" and the "Amount Enclosed." (Exhibit "B"). The statement states that "mortgages can seem complex". It also stated that Ms. Williams should "[f]eel free to use the payment coupon below to send us your first payment. We offer several easy payment options, including: Free ACH, Online Account Payment, Phone (either with our IVR system or live agent)." The payment coupon was to be detached and returned to Defendant by U.S. Mail with payment. It provided instructions on how to make a payment and directions on setting up automatic payments. The back of the Statement contained various statements about payments, options, insurance and property taxes. The back of the Statement also contained a disclaimer pertinent to the case. The disclaimer stated:

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- 16. The debt demand communication was followed by telephone calls from debt collectors employed by Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Inc., to Ms. Williams' cell phone, in an effort to collect a debt. The debt collectors' telephone number was identified by caller ID as 1-832-775-7633. The debt collectors called Ms. Williams' cell phone on May 23, 2016, on two occasions at 12:35 p.m. and 1:05 p.m.; on May 24, 2016 at 4:32 p.m.; May 25, 2016 at 11:44 a.m., ["Oscar"]; June 6, 2016 at 3:40 p.m. ["Crystal Trotter"]; June 23, 2016; June 28, 2016 at 9:50 a.m. ["Katrina"]; July 1, 2016 and July 14, 2016 ["Katrina"], all in an effort to collect a debt. Ms. Williams repeatedly instructed the collectors to stop calling her and provided her attorney's contact information.
- 17. On June 7, 2016, the Circuit Court entered a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and scheduled a sale date of October 5, 2016. [Id. Doc. #52]. At the judicial sale, the highest bidder was the National Federal Mortgage Association.
- 18. On July 22, 2016, by correspondence, the defendant gave notice to Plaintiff that it intended to commence foreclosure on her home mortgage loan. The correspondence cited the loan number, the principal balance of the loan, and the street address of the real property.

 Defendant also stated that it may seek a deficiency judgment against Ms. Williams if there were insufficient proceeds from the foreclosure sale. *[Exhibit "C"]*. The back of the Statement also contained a disclaimer pertinent to the case. The disclaimer stated:

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- 19. In the case at bar, this Defendant attempted to collect on a debt that was not owed and had been discharged under 11 U.S.C.A. § 727 of the Bankruptcy Code. As Judge Posner stated: "Dunning people for their discharged debts would undermine the 'fresh start' rationale of bankruptcy and is prohibited by the [FDCPA] which ... prohibits a debt collector from making a 'false representation of the character, amount, or legal status of any debt.'"
 - 20. The Defendant has no legal right to collect any amount from the Plaintiff.
- 21. At all material times herein, Plaintiff's debt and the debt of others similarly situated were consumer debts as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C.A. § 1692a(5).
- 22. At all material times herein, Plaintiff and others similarly situated were "consumers" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C.A. § 1692a(3).
- 23. At all material times herein, Defendant was a "debt collector" as defined by the 15 U.S.C.A. § 1692a (6). Defendant acquired its status as a "debt collector" after the subject debt had been discharged by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.
- 24. At all material times herein, Defendant knew or should have known that the debt they were attempting to or did collect from the Plaintiff and the Class Members had been discharged.
- 25. The correspondence sent by Defendant to Ms. Williams is a "communication" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a (2).
- 26. By billing Plaintiff and others similarly situated, Defendant attempted to collect a debt which had been discharged. Defendant's communications that asserted Ms. Williams owed a debt based on the mortgage loan, including a notice of intent to foreclose, monthly mortgage statements, a loan modification package, and a delinquent tax notice violates 15 U.S.C. § 1692e,

which prohibits the use of false, deceptive, or misleading representations in connection with the collection of a debt.

- 27. In addition, Defendant's above mentioned collection activities falsely represented/represent the character, amount, or legal status of a debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e (2) (A).
- 28. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's FDCPA violations, Plaintiff and others similarly situated have been harmed. Plaintiff, and others similarly situated, are entitled to actual damages in the amount of money paid to Defendant pursuant to these extinguished debts, statutory damages under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B) and attorney's fees and the costs of this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3).
- 29. For the purpose of the claims brought in this action, the applicable standard under the FDCPA is "the least sophisticated" consumer test. See Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 760 F.2d 1168, 1172-75 (11th Cir. 1985). The manner in which Defendant chose to present the inconsistent information on the front and back of the letter is misleading to "the least sophisticated" consumer.
- 30. This is an action seeking class wide relief for Defendant's pattern and practice of pursuing the collection of discharged debts from the Plaintiff and the Class Members.
- 31. Because Defendant's actions were intentional, willful and/or without regard for Plaintiff's rights, Plaintiff reserves the right to seek punitive damages upon the showing on the records of evidence sufficient to form the basis of a claim for punitive damages.

COUNT II – VIOLATION OF THE FLORIDA CONSUMER COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT ("FCCPA")

32. This is a claim for violation of the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act F.S. 559.55 et seq.

- 33. On or about November 19, 2007, Plaintiff executed and delivered a promissory note to Amnet Mortgage Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of Florida, for personal, family, or household services, specifically a mortgage loan on her home at 8428 McGirts Village, Jacksonville, Florida 32210. That same day, Plaintiff executed a purchase money mortgage securing payment to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Ament Mortgage. In due course, the Mortgage was assigned to the Federal National Mortgage Association. ("FNMA").
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- 35. The Bankruptcy Code recognizes the vulnerabilities of debtors and implements a strict procedure for reaffirmations of debt by debtors under 11 U.S.C. § 524 (c) which requires public and timely filing of the agreement, that the debtor be given written disclosures and provides the debtor an opportunity to rescind the reaffirmation agreement. All of these protections are designed to make sure a debtor does not forfeit the fresh start protections available under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.
- 36. Unfortunately, during this period of time, Ms. Williams' income diminished while her cost of living increased. Therefore, as required under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and provided in Debtor's Intent to Surrender Real Property, Ms. Williams stated that she would not reaffirm the Federal National Mortgage Association debt and would relinquish her home located at 8428 McGirts Village Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32210 to its creditor.

- 37. No reaffirmation agreement was ever exchanged, agreed to or filed with the Bankruptcy Court with respect to the subject mortgage between Plaintiff and F.N.M.A., the holder of the mortgage note, or its mortgage servicing company agents, Seterus, Inc., or Defendant Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, a division of New Penn Financial, LLC.
- 38. On April 2, 2012, the mortgage loan servicing company Seterus filed its Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay and sought leave to foreclose the mortgage on the Plaintiff's home located at 8428 Mcgirts Village Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32210. [Case No. 3:11-Bk-08126-PMG Doc. #28]. As an exhibit to its Motion, counsel for the mortgage loan servicer Seterus, Inc., filed an affidavit stating under oath that Ms. Williams intended to surrender her home. [Id. Doc. 28-3]. In due course, the Bankruptcy Court entered its Order granting relief from the automatic stay. [Id. Doc. #32].
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with applicable bankruptcy laws or who might be subject to the automatic stay of Section 362 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. However, it may be a notice of possible enforcement of the lien against the collateral property, which has not been discharged in your bankruptcy.

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- 46. At all times material to this complaint, Defendant was a "debt collector" as defined under Fla. Stat. § 559.55(6), since the debts at issue were all in default at the time Defendant acquired and/or began servicing them. At all times material herein, Plaintiff and others similarly situated were "debtors" as defined by Fla. Stat. § 559.55(2).\At all times material herein, Plaintiff's debt and the debt of others similarly situated were "debts" or "consumer debts" as defined by Fla. Stat. § 559.55(1).
 - 47. The FCCPA, section 559.72(9) provides:

In collecting consumer debts, no person shall:

(9) Claim, attempt, or threaten to enforce a debt when such person knows that the debt is not legitimate, or assert the existence of some other legal right when such person knows that the right does not exist.

Fla. Stat. § 559.72(9) (emphasis added).

- 48. The billing letters sent to Plaintiff and others similarly situated by Defendant were an attempt to collect a debt.
- 49. However, Defendant had no legal right to seek collection of any amounts from Plaintiff and others similarly situated, and was in fact enjoined from doing so pursuant to the bankruptcy discharges of the subject amounts.
- 50. By attempting to collect debts previously discharged in bankruptcy, Defendant violated Fla. Stat. § 559.72(9) by claiming and attempting to enforce a debt which was not legitimate and not due and owing.

51. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's FCCPA violations, Plaintiff and others similarly situated have been harmed. Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to actual damages, statutory damages and attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 559.77(2).

COUNT III -THE DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACT 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2201

- 52. The Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2201, offers a unique mechanism by which a party may seek to remedy ongoing violations of statutory provisions and to prevent ongoing harm in form of declaratory and injunctive relief.
 - 53. Specifically, the Declaratory Judgment Act reads:

In a case of actual controversy within its jurisdiction...any court of the United States, upon the filing of an appropriate pleading, may declare the rights and other legal relations of any interested party seeking such declaration, whether or not further relief is or could be sought. Any such declaration shall have the force and effect of a final judgment or decree and shall be reviewable as such. Further necessary or proper relief based on a declaratory judgment or decree may be granted, after reasonable notice and hearing, against any adverse party whose rights have been determined by such judgment. 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2201.

- 54. Plaintiff took out a loan from Amnet Mortgage, Inc., for personal, family, or household services, specifically a mortgage loan on her home at 8428 McGirts Village Lane, Jacksonville, Florida 32210.
 - 55. Ms. Williams filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy in 2011.
- 56. The Bankruptcy Code recognizes the vulnerabilities of debtors and implements a strict procedure for reaffirmations of debt by debtors under 11 U.S.C. § 524 (c) which requires public and timely filing of the agreement, that the debtor be given written disclosures and

provides the debtor an opportunity to rescind the reaffirmation agreement. All of these protections are designed to make sure a debtor does not forfeit the fresh start provided by a bankruptcy.

- 57. No reaffirmation agreement was ever exchanged, agreed to or filed with the Bankruptcy Court with respect to the subject mortgage as between Plaintiff and FNMA as the mortgage holder or its mortgage servicing agent, Shellpoint Mortgage.
- 58. On April 5, 2012, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court entered its Discharge of Debtor and the note and underlying debt secured by the subject mortgage became uncollectable. Citicorp Trust Bank was notified via mail of the status of the debt by the Jacksonville Division Middle District Clerk of Court. (Exhibit "A"). Pursuant to the Chapter 7 bankruptcy discharge order, Plaintiff was fully released from any and all personal monetary liabilities on the subject loan.
- 59. Sometime thereafter, the debt was transferred or assigned to the Defendant for servicing.
- 60. Frequently lenders and mortgage servicers abuse the debtors' vulnerability after the discharge and ignore the bankruptcy code requirements and the discharge injunction by continuing to communicate with the debtor. The most vulnerable of debtors are typically the ones, such as Ms. Williams, who continued to reside in her home because the mortgage lender had not yet foreclosed on the house. The lender and servicer convey to the debtor they can remain in their home and stall or foreclosure and eviction from the home. Given the state of mind and financial limitations of the debtor, homeowners are frequently thrilled at the prospect of any potential to remain in their home. That is precisely what Defendant did to Ms. Williams in

the instant case. To wit, Defendant communicated orally and in writing that Plaintiff should continue to pay money on the discharged debt so that she could live in the house.

- 61. Many of these communications clearly asserted that Ms. Williams owed a debt based on the mortgage loan, and were sent directly to Plaintiff at her home and not to her attorney of record. The communications cannot be construed as mere attempts to enforce the mortgage holders *in rem* rights to foreclose.
 - 62. The Defendant has no legal right to collect any amount from the Plaintiff.
- 63. There is an actual controversy within the jurisdiction of this Court regarding whether Defendant's conduct in sending written communications which seek to collect money on a debt which was discharged in Bankruptcy violates the discharge order in the debtor's bankruptcy case, the FDCPA, and the FCCPA. The parties are in need of a declaration of their rights and responsibilities under Federal and Florida state law.
- 64. Plaintiff believes that Defendant has sought payment for debts previously discharged in bankruptcy in circumvention of existing federal court orders of bankruptcy courts, the FDCPA, and the FCCPA.
- 65. Defendant's conduct as described herein should be declared to be unlawful and improper.
- 66. Defendant should be enjoined from sending billing letters requesting payments for debts previously discharged in bankruptcy.
- 67. Defendant should be forced to disgorge all ill-gotten gains collected from consumers as a result of its unlawful conduct.

COUNT IV- VIOLATION OF THE TCPA

- 68. This is a claim for violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq. ("TCPA") by Defendant.
- 69. In 1991, Congress enacted the TCPA in response to a growing number of consumer complaints regarding certain telemarketing practices for example, computerized calls to private homes. Congress determined that federal legislation was needed because telemarketers, by operating interstate, were escaping state-law prohibitions on intrusive nuisance calls. See Mims v. Arrow Financial Services, LLC, 132 S. Ct. 740 (2012).
- 70. Accordingly, the TCPA regulates, *inter alia*, the use of prerecorded messages and use of automated telephone equipment, or "autodialers." Specifically, the plain language of section 227(b)(1)(A)(iii) prohibits the use of prerecorded messages or autodialers to make any call to a wireless number in the absence of an emergency or the prior express consent of the called party.
- 71. According to findings by the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC"), the agency Congress vested with authority to issue regulations implementing the TCPA, such calls are prohibited because, as Congress found, automated or prerecorded telephone calls are a greater nuisance and invasion of privacy than live solicitation calls, and such calls can be costly and inconvenient. The FCC also recognized that wireless customers are charged for incoming calls whether they pay in advance or after the minutes are used.
- 72. In 2003, the FCC held that predictive dialers like the one used by defendant constitute an ATDS under the TCPA. *In re Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991*, Report and Order, 18 F.C.C.R. 14014, 14115, ¶ 131 (July 3, 2003).

- 73. The FCC also held "[c]onsumers may revoke consent in any manner that clearly expresses a desire not to receive further messages, and that callers may not infringe on that ability by designating an exclusive means to revoke." In the Matter of Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, Declaratory Ruling and Order, FCC 15-72, 2015 FCC LEXIS 1586, ¶ 63, 30 FCC Rcd 7961, 2015 FCC LEXIS 1586, 62 Comm. Reg. (P & F) 1539 (F.C.C. July 10, 2015) ("FCC 2015 Order").
- 74. Verbal instructions to cease collection calls apply to the TCPA and thus effectively revoke any prior consent the caller may have had. *Osorio v. State Farm Bank, F.S.B.*, 746 F.3d 1242 (11th Cir. 2014).
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78. The debt demand communication was followed by telephone calls from debt collectors employed by Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Inc., to Ms. Williams' cell phone, in an effort to collect a debt. The debt collectors' telephone number was identified by caller ID as 1-832-775-7633. The debt collectors called Ms. Williams' cell phone on May 23, 2016, on two occasions at 12:35 p.m. and 1:05 p.m.; on May 24, 2016 at 4:32 p.m.; May 25, 2016 at 11:44 a.m., ["Oscar"]; June 6, 2016 at 3:40 p.m. ["Crystal Trotter"]; June 23, 2016; June 28, 2016 at 9:50 a.m.

["Katrina"]; July 1, 2016 and July 14, 2016 ["Katrina"], all in an effort to collect a debt. Ms. Williams repeatedly instructed the collectors to stop calling her and provided her attorney's contact information. In addition to her oral revocation, the consent to telephone Ms. Williams regarding the debt had been revoked via her bankruptcy discharge.

- 79. The telephone call from Defendant to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number was made using an ATDS.
 - 80. The subject calls were placed using a predictive dialer.
- 81. Defendant, or its agents, placed calls to Plaintiff at a telephone number assigned to a cellular telephone service.
- 82. The telephone calls Defendant placed to Plaintiff were not placed for emergency purposes, as defined by TCPA § 227 (b)(1)(A)(i).
- 83. Defendant made unsolicited telephone calls to the wireless telephone number of each plaintiff and the other members of the class using a pre-recorded voice and/or using equipment that had the capacity to store or produce telephone numbers to be called, using a random or sequential number generator.
- 84. At the time Defendant placed the phone calls alleged herein, Defendant did not have consent to do so.
- 85. Defendant has therefore violated the TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii), which makes it unlawful for any person within the United States "... to make any call (other than a call made for emergency purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party) using any automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice ... ".

- 86. As a result of Defendant's illegal conduct, the members of the class suffered actual damages and, under § 227(b)(3)(B), and are each entitled to, *inter alia*, a minimum of \$500.00 in damages for each such violation of the TCPA.
- 87. Plaintiff and class members are also entitled to, and do, seek injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant's violations of the TCPA in the future.
- 88. Defendant has caused consumers actual harm, not only because consumers were subjected to the aggravation that necessarily accompanies these calls, but also because consumers frequently have to pay their cell phone service providers for the receipt of such calls; such calls are also an intrusion upon seclusion, diminish cellular battery life, and waste data storage capacity.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 89. Plaintiff brings the FDCPA and FCCPA claims pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of herself and a class defined as all Florida consumers who (a) had or have a residential mortgage loan serviced by Defendant which Defendant acquired when in default; (b) received a Chapter 7 discharge of the mortgage debt; (c) were sent a billing letter in substantially the same form as the Mortgage Statements found in composite B (Exhibit "B") by Defendant referencing a mortgage debt discharged in Bankruptcy. A subclass of individuals within the applicable statutes of limitations for each claim is also appropriate.
- 90. Plaintiff brings the TCPA claims pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of herself and a class defined as: (a) All persons in the United States (b) to whose cellular telephone number (c) Defendant placed a non-emergency telephone call (d) using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice (e)

within 4 years of the complaint (f) where Defendant did not have express consent to call said cellular telephone number OR where consent had been revoked for any such calls.

- 91. The FDCPA and FCCPA class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical. Defendant routinely uses a form document attached hereto as the Mortgage Billing Statement found in composite (Exhibit "B") during the course of its collection on delinquent debts. Defendant uses the same form letter in connection with its collection efforts in hundreds if not thousands of instances. Given the percentage of consumers who filed for Bankruptcy during the appropriate time frame, it is reasonable to presume that there are hundreds of class members.
- 92. Plaintiff does not know the exact number of members in the TCPA Class, but based upon the size and national scope of Defendant's business, Plaintiff reasonably believes that the class members' number at a minimum is in the thousands based on the use of software to make the debt collection calls.
- 93. There are questions of law and fact common to the FDCPA and FCCPA class, which questions predominate over any questions affecting only individual members. The principal issues raised by this claim are whether Defendant's letter violates the FDCPA, the FCCPA, and the common language of the debtor's bankruptcy discharge injunction.
- 94. 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.

 Those common questions of law and fact include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Whether Defendant engaged in a pattern of using an ATDS to place calls to cellular telephones;
 - b. Whether Defendant's dialer delivers pre-recorded messages to cellular telephones;

- c. Whether Defendant's conduct was knowing or willful;
- d. Whether Defendant's actions violated the TCPA;
- 95. As a person who received the telephone calls using an ATDS or an artificial or prerecorded voice, without their prior express consent, or whereby consent had been revoked, all within the meaning of the TCPA, Plaintiff asserts claims that are typical of the members of the Class. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class, and Plaintiff does not have an interest that is antagonistic to any member of the Class.
- 96. The Plaintiff's claim is typical of those of the class members. All are entitled to relief by virtue of Defendant's violations of the consumer protection statutes raised in Plaintiff's Complaint.
- 97. The Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. She has retained counsel experienced in class actions as well as the handling of actions involving unlawful business practices. Neither Plaintiff nor her counsel has any interests antagonistic to the Class or which might cause her not to vigorously pursue this action.
- 98. Certification of a class under Rule 23(b)(2) is appropriate since the Defendant has acted on grounds that apply generally to the class so that final injunctive and declaratory relief is appropriate.
- 99. Certification of a class under Rule 23(b)(3) is appropriate, in that a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. The interests of the class members in individually controlling the prosecution and defense of separate actions is minimal, in that the class members are unlikely to be aware that their rights were violated and that individual actions are uneconomical. Difficulties likely to be

encountered in managing this class action are substantially less than those that are involved in other types of cases routinely certified as class actions.

- 100. This Class Action Complaint seeks money damages and injunctive relief.
- 101. The joinder of all class members is impracticable due to the size and relatively modest value of each individual claim. The disposition of the claims in a class action will provide substantial benefit to both the parties and the Court in avoiding multiplicity of identical suits. The class can be easily identified through records maintained by Defendant.
- 102. Defendant has acted on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making final injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the class as a whole appropriate.

 Moreover, Plaintiff alleges that the TCPA violations complained of herein are substantially likely to continue in the future if an injunction is not entered.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Court enter an Order:

- A. Certifying this action as a class action as provided by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, appointing Plaintiff as Class Representative, and appointing the undersigned Counsel as Class Counsel;
- B. Adjudging that Defendant violated the FDCPA sections enumerated above, and awarding Plaintiff and Class members actual damages in the form of money paid to Defendant on the discharged debt and statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;
- C. Adjudging that Defendant violated the FCCPA, Fla. Stat. § 559.72(9), and awarding Plaintiff and Class members actual and statutory damages pursuant to Florida Statutes § 559.77(2);

- D. Declaring that Defendant's attempt to collect debts previously discharged in bankruptcy is unlawful;
- E. Enjoining Defendant from sending billing letters similar to (Exhibit "B") in the manner described in this lawsuit;
- F. Ordering disgorgement of all ill-gotten sums collected in violation of the law;
- G. Awarding Plaintiff, and all those similarly situated, reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in this action pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3), and Florida Statutes § 559.77(2);
- H. A declaration that Defendant's practices described herein violate the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227;
- An injunction prohibiting Defendant from using an artificial or prerecorded voice message to call numbers assigned to cellular telephones without the prior express consent of the called party;
- J. An award of statutory damages for Plaintiff and each Class member in the amount of
 \$500.00 for each and every call that violated the TCPA;
- K. An award of treble damages, as provided by statute, of up to \$1,500.00 for Plaintiff and each Class member for each and every call that violated the TCPA;
- L. Awarding Plaintiff, and all those similarly situated, any pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as may be allowed under the law; and
- M. Awarding such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, demands trial by jury.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2017.

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United States Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Florida

In re: Joyce Fudge Debtor Case No. 11-08126-PMG Chapter 7

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United States Bankruptcy Court

Middle District of Florida Case No. 3:11-bk-08126-PMG Chapter 7

In re: Debtor(s) (name(s) used by the debtor(s) in the last 8 years, including married, maiden, trade, and address):

Joyce Fudge aka Joyce Williams 8428 McGirts Village Lane Jacksonville, FL 32210

Social Security No.: XXX-XX-1909

Employer's Tax LD. No.:

DISCHARGE OF DEBTOR

It appearing that the debtor is entitled to a discharge,

IT IS ORDERED:

The debtor is greated a discharge under section 727 of title 11, United States Code, (the Bankruptcy Code).

BY THE COURT

Dated: April 5, 2012

Paul M. Glenn United States Bankruptcy Judge

SEE THE BACK OF THIS ORDER FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

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EXPLANATION OF BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE IN A CHAPTER 7 CASE

This court order grants a discharge to the person named as the debtor. It is not a dismissal of the case and it does not determine how much money, if any, the trustee will pay to creditors.

Collection of Discharged Debts Prohibited

The discharge prohibits any attempt to collect from the debtor a debt that has been discharged. For example, a creditor is not permitted to contact a debtor by mail, phone, or otherwise, to file or continue a lawsuit, to attach wages or other property, or to take any other action to collect a discharged debt from the debtor. [In a case involving community property. There are also special rules that protect certain community property owned by the debtor's spouse, even if that spouse did not file a bankruptcy case.] A creditor who violates this order can be required to pay damages and attorney's fees to the debtor.

However, a creditor may have the right to enforce a valid lien, such as a mortgage or security interest, against the debtor's property after the bankruptcy, if that lien was not avoided or eliminated in the bankruptcy case. Also, a debtor may voluntarily pay any debt that has been discharged.

Debts That are Discharged

The chapter 7 discharge order eliminates a debtor's legal obligation to pay a debt that is discharged. Most, but not all, types of debts are discharged if the debt existed on the date the bankruptcy case was filed. (If this case was begun under a different chapter of the Bankruptcy Code and converted to chapter 7, the discharge applies to debts owed when the bankruptcy case was converted.)

Debts that are Not Discharged.

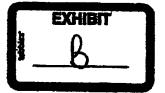
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- b. Debts incurred to pay mondischargeable taxes;
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- d. Debts for most student loans;
- a. Debts for most fines, penalties, forfeitures, or criminal restinction obligations;
- f. Debts for personal injuries or death caused by the debtor's operation of a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intexticated;
 - g. Same debts which were not properly listed by the debtor,
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This information is only a general summary of the bankruptcy discharge. There are exceptions to these general rules. Because the law is complicated, you may want to consult an attorney to determine the exact effect of the discharge in this case.



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May 20, 2016

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Deer Joyce M Williams:

Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing would like to welcome you and inform you that effective 05/16/2016, the servicing of your loan has been transferred from Seterus, inc. to Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing. At Shellpoint, we believe trust, integrity and sound practices are the cornerstonce of relationships, and are committed to providing you with quality service and an exceptional experience unlike any other.

Shelipoint Mortgage Servicing, understands mortgages can seem complex, and it is our responsibility to provide you with as many toots and epitons to make it as simple and easy for you as possible. Our Customer Care Team has an immense amount of knowledge and are here to address all your concerns. If you have any questions regarding your mortgage loan, your payment or have any other concerns, please call us at 800-365-7107. Our live agents are available between the hours of 8:00AM-10:00FM Monday through Friday, and 8:00AM-3:00FM on Saturdays (EST). It is our pleasure to speak with you any time you need us.

You may also visit our website at www.shelipoinimig.com where you will find additional information regarding mortgages. Once you create an account, you will have online access to make payments, view statements and even that with a live agent to address any question you may have.

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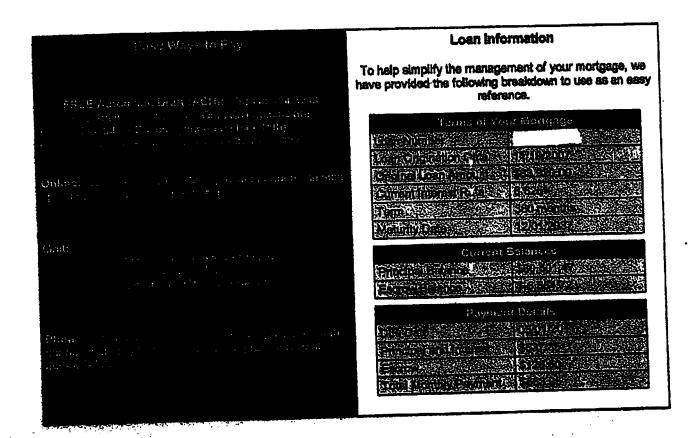
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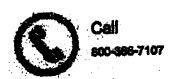


Helping You Manage Your Mortgage

To ensure a smooth transfer, please review the following important information regarding your loan payments. Our records indicate that your 05/01/2011 payment is due. You will receive a Billing Statement from Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing each month, and effective 05/16/2016, please begin sending your mortgage payments to us using one of the options below. As of the date of this letter, the principal belance is \$80,501.47 and your escrow belance is \$-6,564.72.



Reach Out to Us







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Except in limited circumstances, the law requires your present servicer to send notice at least 15 days before the effective date of transfer or at closing. Your new servicer must also send you this notice no later than 15 days after the effective date or transfer or at closing. The assignment, sale or transfer of the servicing of the mortgage loan does not affect any term or condition of the mortgage, other than the terms directly related to the servicing of your loan (e.g. payments and inquiries).

If you pay by check, you are authorizing Shelipoint Mortgage Servicing to use the check information to make a one-time electronic debit for each check presented, from the account at the financial institution designated on the check. This electronic debit will be for the exact amount indicated on the check.

By January 31 of each year, Shelipoint Mortgage Servicing provides an Annual Tax and interest Statement for IRS reporting on the portion of the previous year that Shelipoint Mortgage Servicing serviced your loan. If your loan is currently escrowed for taxes and/or insurance, Shelipoint Mortgage Servicing is required by law to analyze your loan Shelipoint Mortgage Servicing will notify you in writing if your payment amount changes.

Premiums for mortgage life, accidental death or disability insurance will not be transferred from your previous servicer. You may contact your carrier for arrangements to maintain your coverage-through direct billing. Please contact your previous servicer if you are unsure of your carrier's name.

You should also be aware of the following Information, which is set out in more detail in Section 6 of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act_(RESPA) (12 USC 2605)

Section 6 of RESPA (12 USC 2605) gives you certain consumer rights. If you send a "qualified written request" to your loan servicer concerning the servicing of your loan, your servicer must provide you with a written acknowledgment within five (5) business days of receipt of your request. A "qualified written request" is a written correspondence, other than notice on a payment caupon or other payment medium supplied by the servicer; which includes your name, than notice on a payment occurrent number and research for the request. If you want to send a "qualified written request" regarding the servicing of your loan, it must be sent to Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, P.O. Box 10826, Greenville, SC 29603-0826 or you can call 800-365-7107.

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No later than thirty (30) business days after receiving your request, your servicer must make any appropriate corrections to your account and must provide you with a written distribution regarding any dispute. During this 30-day period, your servicer may not provide information to a consumer reporting agency concerning any overdue payment related to such period or qualified written request. However, this does not prevent the servicer from initiating foreclosure if proper grounds exist under the mortgage documents.



A business day is a day on which the offices of the business entity are open to the public for carrying on substantially all of its business functions.

Section 6 of RESPA size provides for damages and costs for individuels or classes of individuals in circumstances where servicers are shown to have violated the requirements of that Section. You should seek legal advice if you believe your rights have been violated. If you have any questions for your previous servicer, Seterus, Inc., about your mortgage loan or this transfer, please contact them using the following information:

> Saterus, inc., PO Box 1077 Hartford, CT 08148 888-570-5277

Pieces read the following important notices as they may affert your rights.

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

If you are a customer in bankruptcy or a customer who has received a bankruptcy discharge of this debt: please be advised that this notice is to advise you of the status of your mortgage lean. This notice constitutes native a demand for payment here a notice of personal liability to any recipient hereof, who might have received a discharge of such debt in accordance with applicable beniruptcy leavs or who might be addject to the automatic stay of Section 352 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. However, it may be a notice of possible enforcement of the iten against the collateral property, which has not been discharged in your bankruptcy.

Attention Servicemembers and Dependents: The federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and certain state laws provide important protections for you, including interest rate protections and prohibiting foreclosure under most circumstances during and twelve months after the servicemember's military or other service. Counseling for covered servicemembers is available from Military ChaScurge and the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance or other similar agencies.

The following is a Spanish translation of the information previously provided:

Les per favor les siguientes avises importantes que puedan afectar sus dereches.

El objeto de la presente nutificación es gestionar el cobro de la deuda, y toda información obtenida sorà utilizada a tal fin. La presente comunicación proviene de un agente de cobro de deudas.

Si usted se un cliente en situación de bancarrota o un cliente que he recibido una eliminación de esta deuda por bancarrota: tenga en cuente que este netificación tiene como fin informerle sobre el estado de su préstamo hipotecario. Este aviso no constituye una estopancia de pego ni un aviso de responsabilidad civil contra ninguno de los destinatarios de la presente notificación, que pudiese estopancia de pego ni un aviso de responsabilidad civil contra ninguno de los destinatarios de la presente notificación, que pudiere ser haber recibido un descengo de este tipo de deuda de conformidad con la legislación vigonte sobre bancarrota o que pudiere ser objeto de suspensión automática en virtud del Artículo 362 del Código de Bancarrota de los Estados Unidos. No obstante, puede ser una notificación de una posible aplicación de gravarnon sobre la propiedad como garantia, que aún no he sido descargada en su proceso de bancarrota.

Atendión uniformados y dependientes: la Ley tederal de Ayuda Civil para Uniformados y algunes leyes estatales brindan importantes protecciones para ustad, que incluyen protecciones para las bases de interês y la prohibición de las ejecuciones hipotecerias en la mayoria de las circumstancias durante y doce meses después del esrvicio militar u circ tipo de asrvicio. Hey hipotecerias en la mayoria de las circumstancias durante y doce meses después del esrvicio militar u circ tipo de asrvicio. Hey consejeria para los uniformados deponible de Nilliary OneSource y de Unido States Armed Forces Legal Assistance (Astatax jurídica para les Fuerzas Armedas de los Estados Unidos), u otros organismos similares.

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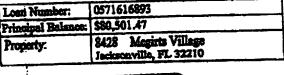


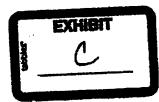
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Phone Number: 866-825-2174 Fax: 866-467-1187 o-Mail: Locamitigation@shellpointmig.com



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07/22/2016

Dezr Joyce M Williams:

The above referenced mortgage loss serviced by Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing ("Shellpoint"), on the above referenced property is in distinguished foreclosure proceedings have or may soon commence. Because you have not taken steps to resolve the delinquishey, we have been instructed by the owner of your mortgage loss to commence foreclosure.

In addition to forcelosing on the property, the owner of the mortgage loan may seek a deficiency judgment against you if the proceeds from the furcelosure sale do not pay off the amount you owe on the mortgage loan.

Foreciosure Alternatives

If you are mable to pay your mortgage loan because of a financial hardship, there are options that may be available to you-such as a loss modification or other foreclosure alternatives, including short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure.

You may have received a Berrower Solicitation Package. It is not too late for you to be evaluated for an alternative to foreclosure even if you previously expressed that you were not interested in a foreclosure alternative. If you did not receive or no longer have in your possession the Berrower Solicitation Package, you should contact Shellpoint to obtain another package. You can contact Karina Gomez at the telephone number and address listed below.

Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing ATTR: Loss Minigation Department P.O. Box 10926 MB: 157 Greenville, SC 29603-0826 Telephone: 866-545-0579 ext. 7633

Your Borrower Response Package must be completed and sent to Shellpoint in order to be considered for alternatives to forecleaure.

Shellpoint's contact inflamation for submitting a complete Borrower Response Package is below:

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If you have been previously denied a loan modification, and you are contemplating an appeal or have a pending appeal of this denial, you may submit a loan modification application in lieu of this appeal within 30 days after the date of this notice.

HUD-approved counselors are available to provide you with the information and assistance you may need to avoid foreclosure. You can use the search tool at http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fc/ to find a counselor near you or by calling 1(888)995-HOPE (4673).

Sincerely, Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

JS 44 (Rev. 12/12)

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 NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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