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7. Entry of this Order is in the public interest.

## **DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "International Driving Permit" means any document called an international driving permit, international driver's license or any variation thereof.
- B. "Identification Document" means a document made or issued by or under the authority of the United Stfic-1.96 gIo terpermit, 0.

or providing, or arranging for the formulation or provision of, any telephone sales script or any other written marketing material, including, but not limited to, the text of any Internet website, email or other electronic communication; (c) providing names of, or assisting in the generation of, potential customers; (d) performing marketing services of any kind; (e) acting as an officer or director of a business entity; or (f) supplying an international driving permit, identification document, false identification document, identification template, or related material or information, whether denoted as a real or novelty item.

ORDER

### I. BAN ON CERTAIN ACTIVITIES

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Abraham, whether acting directly or through any person or entity, is permanently restrained and enjoined from (A) marketing, advertising, promoting, offering for sale, distributing, or selling any international driving permit, or any other identification document, false identification document, identification template or related material or information, whether denoted as a real or novelty item; and (B) assisting others who Abraham knows or consciously avoids knowing are engaged in the marketing, advertising, promotion, offering for sale, distributing, or selling of any international driving permit, or any other identification document, false identification document, identification template or related material or information, whether denoted as a real or novelty item. Nothing in this Order shall be read as an exception to this Paragraph.

### II. PROHIBITED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in connection with the advertising, promotion, offer for sale, or sale of any item, product, good, service, investment opportunity, business opportunity, partnership interest, trust interest or other beneficial interest, Abraham and any entity through which he does business, and his successors, assigns, officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those other persons or entities in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that any international driving permit or other identification document authorizes consumers to drive legally in the United States or any other country;
- B. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that consumers who purchase any international driving permit or other identification document may use it to avoid points for traffic violations;
- C. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that consumers who purchase any international driving permit or other identification document may use it to avoid sanctions for driving with a suspended or revoked government-issued driver's license;
- D. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that any international driving permit or other identification document can be used in the United States or any other country as an identification document in the same

ways a person can use a government-issued photo identification
document;

- E. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that any international driving permit or other identification document has been issued by or under the authority of the United States Government, a State, political subdivision of a State, a foreign government, political subdivision of a foreign government, an international governmental or international quasi governmental organization;
- F. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, any information relating to any holder of any international driving permit or other identification document, including, but not limited to, the identity, name, address, nationality, citizenship, or vital statistic of the holder;
- G. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, any other fact material to a consumer's decision to purchase any international driving permit or any other identification document, false identification document, identification template or related material or information, whether denoted as a real or novelty item; and
- H. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, any material fact regarding any item, product, good, or service sold or offered for sale.

#### III. CONSUMER LISTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Abraham and his officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and all persons or entities in active concert or participation with him who receive actual

notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are permanently restrained and enjoined from hereafter selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing the name, address, telephone number, credit card number, bank account number, e-mail address, or other identifying information of any person who paid any money to Abraham for any international driving permit, identification document, or false identification document, at any time prior to entry of this Order; provided, however, that Abraham may disclose such identifying information (i) with the express written consent of the person whose

remaining funds for such other equitable relief (including consumer information remedies) as it determines to be reasonably related to Abraham's practices alleged in the Complaint. Any funds not used for such equitable relief shall be deposited to the U.S. Treasury as equitable disgorgement. Abraham shall have no right to challenge the FTC's choice of remedies or the manner of distribution under this Paragraph IV;

- C. Abraham further agrees that the facts as alleged in the Complaint shall be taken as true in the event of any subsequent litigation to collect amounts due pursuant to this Order, including but not limited to a nondischargeability complaint in any bankruptcy proceeding;
- D. The judgment entered pursuant to this Paragraph IV is equitable monetary relief, solely remedial in nature, and not a fine, penalty, punitive assessment or forfeiture;
- E. Abraham acknowledges and agrees that any money paid pursuant to this Order is irrevocably paid to the FTC for purposes of settlement between the FTC and Abraham, and Abraham relinquishes all rights, title, and interest to such money; and
- F. Abraham is hereby required, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 7701, to furnish to the FTC his Social Security number and/or tax identification number, which shall be used for purposes of collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of this Order.

#### V. ASSET FREEZE

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, upon entry of the judgment, the freeze of Abraham's assets shall be dissolved. Any Commercial Mail Receiving Agency retaining and forwarding to the FTC mail

addressed to Abraham may resume forwarding mail directly to Abraham.

# VI. RIGHT TO REOPEN

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within five business days after entry of this Order, Abraham shall submit to the FTC a truthful sworn statement that shall acknowledge receipt of this Order and shall reaffirm and attest to the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the financial statements submitted by Defendant Abraham (Jan. 16, 2003, Individual Statement, and Jan. 16, 2003, Business Statement) to the FTC, and the deposition testimony he gave on March 11, 2003. The FTC's agreement to this Order is expressly premised on the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of those financial statements and said deposition testimony. If, upon motion by Jan. 16, h he

## VII. RECORD KEEPING PROVISIONS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for a period of eight (8) years from the date of entry of this Order, Abraham and any business where he is an officer, director, manager, partner or majority owner, and his successors, assigns, officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons and entities in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from failing to create and retain the following records:

- A. Accounting records that reflect the cost of goods or services sold, revenues generated, and the disbursement of such revenues;
- B. Personnel records accurately reflecting: the name, address, and telephone number of each person employed in any capacity by such business, including as an independent contractor; that person's job title or position; the date upon which the person commenced work; and the date and reason for the person's termination, if applicable;
- C. Customer files containing the names, addresses, phone numbers, dollar amounts paid, quantity of items or services purchased, and description of items or services purchased, to the extent such information is obtained in the ordinary course of business;
- D. Complaints and refund requests (whether received directly, indirectly or through any third party) and any responses to those complaints or requests; and
  - E. Copies of all sales scripts, training materials,

advertisements, or other marketing materials.

VIII. COMPLIANCE MONITORING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring and investigating compliance with any provision of this Order:

representative, agent, or employee who has agreed to such an interview, relating in any way to any conduct subject to this Order. The person interviewed may have counsel present.

## IX. COMPLIANCE REPORTING BY DEFENDANT

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in order that compliance with the provisions of this Order may be monitored:

- A. For a period of five (5) years from the date of entry of this Order,
  - 1. Abraham shall notify the FTC of the following:
- a. Any changes in Abraham's residence, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers, within ten (10) days of the date of such change;
- b. Any changes in Abraham's employment status (including self-employment) within ten (10) days of the date of such change. Such notice shall include the name and address of each business that Abraham is affiliated with, employed by, or hired by as an independent contractor or consultant; a statement of the nature of the business; and a statement of Abraham's duties and responsibilities in connection with the business;
- c. Any changes in Abraham's name or use of any aliases or fictitious names; and
- B. One hundred eighty (180) days after the date of entry of this Order, Abraham shall provide a written report to the FTC, sworn to under penalty of perjury, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which he has complied and is complying with this Order. This report shall include, but not be limited to:
- 1. Any changes required to be reported pursuant to subparagraph (A) above; and

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2	modification and enforcement of	this Order.
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4	SO STIPULATED:	
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6	YAD ABRAHAM, also known as Tim The Timothy Thorn, individually and o	
7	business as Sharpthorn Internet	
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9	RAYMOND E. McKOWN	
10	LEMUEL W. DOWDY	
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12	Attorneys for Plaintiff	
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14	IT IS SO ORDERED, this	day of, 2003.
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