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## **VIOLATIONS OF THE FTC ACT**

### **COUNT I**

#### **Unfair Gathering of Consumers' Personal Information**

12. Through the means described in Paragraphs 3 through 11, respondent has installed monitoring software on rented computers and gathered, or caused to be gathered, sensitive personal information about consumers from those computers.

13. Respondent's actions cause or are likely to cause substantial injury to consumers that cannot be reasonably avoided and is not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or competition.

14. Therefore, respondent's practices, as described in Paragraph 12, constitute unfair acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a).

### **COUNT II**

#### **Unfair Collection Practices**

15. Through the means described in Paragraphs 3 through 11, respondent has used information improperly gathered from consumers to collect or attempt to collect a debt, money, or property pursuant to a consumer rental contract.

16. Respondent's actions cause or are likely to cause substantial injury to consumers that cannot be reasonably avoided and is not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or competition.

17. Therefore, respondent's practices, as described in Paragraph 15, constitute unfair acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a).

### **COUNT III**

#### **Deceptive Gathering of Consumers' Personal Information**

18. Through the means described in Paragraphs 3 through 11, respondent has represented or caused to be represented to consumers, expressly or by implication, that certain pop-up notices that appear on a computer's screen are notices from trusted software providers that contain software registration forms that must be filled out with the consumer's contact information in order to continue to use the providers' software.

19. In truth and in fact, these pop-up notices are not from trusted software providers and do not contain software registration forms that must be filled out with the consumer's contact information in order to continue to use the providers' software, but instead serve only to cause the consumer to provide the requested contact information so that respondent can use this information in connection with collecting or attempting to collect debts, money, or property pursuant to consumer rental contracts.

20. Therefore, respondent's practices, as described in Paragraph 18, constitute deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a).

THEREFORE, the Federal Trade Commission this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, has issued this