

FTC v. Golden Oak Numismatics and Ronald Henry **Michel**, No. 91-6741 (C.D. Cal.)

[Underlying Order](#)

(1993) fraudulent telemarketing of rare coins investment opportunity

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(criminal) ran fraudulent investment scheme involving wireless cable

[Result](#)

(2001) pled guilty to two counts of wire fraud, two counts of mail fraud and one count of money laundering; awaits sentencing

FTC v. Jordan Ashley and Thomas **Norton**, 93 2257-Civ-Nesbitt (S.D. Fla.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1995) greeting card franchise scheme

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(civil) failed to notify Commission of new employment

[Result](#)

(1999) jailed until complied with reporting requirement

U.S. v. Elliston Funeral Home and Edward **Olenec**, No. 92-C-4294 (N.D. Ill.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1992) Funeral Rule violations

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(criminal) failed to provide employees with copy of court order and failed to provide price lists to consumers

[Result](#)

(2000) sentenced to 1-month home detention for contempt and fined \$125,000

FTC v. Metropolitan Communications Corp., Joan **Orth**, et al., 1:1994cv00142 (S.D. N.Y.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1997) FCC license investment scheme

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(criminal) violated asset freeze

[Result](#)

(1997) sentenced to 6-months home detention

FTC v. Paradise Palms Vacation Club and James R. **Quincy**, C81-1160D (W.D. Wash.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1988) time share travel scam

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(civil) failed to post performance bond and make required disclosures

[Result](#)

(1996) court ordered defendant jailed approximately 60 days until paid \$50,000

U.S. v. Mark **Reiber** dba Credit Repair Counselors, C-1-98-171 (S.D. Ohio)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1999) credit repair scam

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(civil) continued to misrepresent credit repair services

[Result](#)

(2000) 1999 order modified to ban him from offering credit repair

FTC v. PAL Financial Services, Inc., Media Management, Inc., and Lonny Remmers, SACV-95-473 (C.D. Cal.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1996) investment scam involving satellite television programming

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(criminal) operated new telemarketing scam and failed to post performance bond

[Result](#)

(1998) sentenced to 46 months in jail for contempt

FTC v. Worldwide Classics and Ronald Schaefer, 92-CV-3363 (C.D. Cal.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1993) stamps and art investment scam

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(criminal) continued to misrepresent investment opportunity

[Result](#)

(2000) sentenced to 37 months for mail and wire fraud

U.S. v. American Vending Corp. and Kenneth Sterling, 99-CR-6105-ALL (S.D. Fla.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1996) vending machines business opportunity

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(criminal) violated Franchise Rule and made misrepresentations in connection with vending machine business opportunity

[Result](#)

(1999) sentenced to 7 months in jail for contempt

FTC v. Think Achievement and William Tankersly, 2:98-CV-12-TS (N.D. Ind.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(2000) postal service job scam

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(civil) failed to repatriate assets
(criminal) asset freeze violation

[Result](#)

(2001 - civil) defendant jailed 6-1/2 months; relief-defendant spouse jailed 6 months

(2001 - criminal) Tankersly sentenced to two concurrent 27-month sentences for contempt

FTC v. J.K. Publications and Kenneth Taves, CV 99-0044 (C.D. Cal.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(2000) illegal billing scam for x-rated internet sites

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(criminal) violated asset freeze and failed to disclose all assets

[Result](#)

awaits sentencing

FTC v. Telecommunications of America and Barry Taylor, No. 95-693-CIV-ORL-22 (M.D. Fla.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1996) pay telephone business opportunity scam

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(civil) greeting card rack business opportunity scam

[Result](#)

(2000) \$656,257 judgment and banned from franchise or business opportunities

FTC v. National Art Publishers and Distributors, Inc. and Benjamin **Valenty** (S.D. Cal.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1994) art investment scam

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(civil) continued to make misrepresentations in selling art as investment

[Result](#)

(1997) 1994 order modified to impose stricter ban on telemarketing and payment of \$150,000 for consumer redress

FTC v. Parade of Toys and Dennis **Vaughan**, 97-CV-2367 (D. Kan.)

[Underlying Final Order](#)

(1999) business opportunities scheme

[Contemptuous Conduct](#)

(criminal) promoted business venture in violation of ban

[Result](#)

(2001) indicted on contempt charges