	<u> </u>	SHORT CHANGE - STATE CASE		Press Release Link	
State Agency	Name of Target/Defendants	Action	Date	(if available)	Press Contact
		Desist and Refrain Order issued		,	
		for unlicensed deferred deposit			
California Department of		transaction activity (payday			Mark Leyes
Corporations	Greenlight Funding Group, LLC.	lending)	1/7/09		(916) 322-7180
		Desist and Refrain Order issued			
		for unlicensed deferred deposit			
California Department of	Government Employees Credit	transaction activity (payday			Mark Leyes
Corporations	Center, Inc.	lending)	1/2/09		(916) 322-7180
		Desist and Refrain Order issued			
		for unlicensed prorater activity - a			
	Mezey & Associates, Inc.,				
	Campos Chartered Law Firm, The				
California Department of	Consumer Protection Law Center				
Corporations	dba Consumer Law Center, LLC				

California Department of	California Escrow Service,	Desist and Refrain Order for			Mark Leyes
Corporations	Escrow-california.com	unlicensed internet escrow activity	3/18/09		(916) 322-7180
		Order of preliminary injunction			
California Department of		prohibiting fraudulent transactions			Mark Leyes
Corporations	A L G Capital	under the finance lenders law.	3/25/09		(916) 322-7180
California Department of		Desist and Refrain Order for			Mark Leyes
Corporations	Infinite Escrow Corporation	unlicensed internet escrow activity	4/7/09		(916) 322-7180
Corporations	Timino Lociow Corporation	Desist and Refrain Order issued	1,7700		(010) 022 7 100
		for unlicensed deferred deposit			
California Department of		transaction activity (payday			Mark Leyes
Corporations	www.onestepcash.com	lending)	4/8/09		(916) 322-7180
- Corporations		Desist and Refrain Order issued	., 0, 00		(0.0) 0==00
California Department of		for unlicensed finance lending			Mark Leyes
Corporations	US Military Lending	targeting military personnel	5/5/09		(916) 322-7180
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		defendants approached			
		numerous congregations offering			
		"free" computer equipment to help			
		members of the church access			
		the Internet and to find jobs. As			
		part of the agreement to receive			
		the equipment, congregation			
		officials were required to			
		unwittingly sign documents that			
		obligated the groups to long-term			
		lease payments that amounted to			
		\$50,000 or more. The computer		http://newsroom.dc.go	Assistant Attorney
		equipment was valued at no more		v/show.aspx/agency/o	General
		than a few thousand dollars, and		cc/section/2/release/16	Vanessa Natale
District of Columbia					

District of Columbia	Loan Max and CashPoint	Agreed to \$1M settlement. Ds issued hundreds of loans to District consumers out of their Virginia stores since November 2007. Loan Max and CashPoint charged District consumers interest rates of over 300 percent APR on these short-term loans, which is well-above the District's statutory maximum of 24 percent APR. The companies actively solicited District consumers to come to their Virginia stores through a combination of radio and TV commercials that were broadcast in the District.	5/19/09	cc/section/2/release/17	General
Florido	Maria la di Wasay Camanatian	Magic Jack/Ymax Corporation provided a device for long distance calling over the Internet. The company had 30 day free trial where consumers were charged if they did not cancel within the 30 day period, however consumers either were unable to cancel so they were charged anyway or were charged by the company before the 30 day trial period was finished. The Florida AG opened this case in July 2008 and settled this case on April 15, 2009.	4/45/00	http://www.myfloridale gal.com/newsrel.nsf/ne wsreleases/9AB7BCD	
Florida	Magic Jack/Ymax Corporation		4/15/09		

		Lawsuit filed against debt			
		settlement service providers		http://www.illinoisattorn	
		alleging violations of the		eygeneral.gov/pressro	Robyn Ziegler
	SDS West Corp. and Nationwide	Consumer Fraud and Deceptive		om/2009 05/2009050	(312) 814-3118
Illinois	Support Services	Business Practices Act.	5/4/09	4.pdf	rziegler@atg.state.il.us.
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		Consumer Fraud and Deceptive		om/2009_05/2009050	(312) 814-3118
Illinois	Debt Relief USA	Business Practices Act.	5/4/09	4.pdf	rziegler@atg.state.il.us.
		Consumer fraud lawsuit was filed			
		against apartment rental listing			
		company,			
		Chicagolandpublishing.com,			
		which takes \$85 – 90 access fee			
		in cash, and then consumers			
		have complained that the			
		database contains outdated and			
		fraudulent listings, many with			
		disconnected phone numbers or		http://www.illinoisattorn	
		listed in this database without the		eygeneral.gov/pressro	Robyn Ziegler
	Chicagoland Publishing and its	owners' consent.		om/2009_05/2009052	(312) 814-3118
Illinois	owner, David L. Werner		5/21/09	1.html	rziegler@atg.state.il.us.
		Lawsuit filed on February 10,			
		2009 alleging telephone bill			
		cramming of purported credit		http://www.illinoisattorn	
		repair services; consent judgment		eygeneral.gov/pressro	
	Minilec Warranty ISP, LLC., and	resolving matter entered on May		om/2009_05/2009051	(312) 814-3118
Illinois	its owner, Martin A. Schwartz	22, 2009.	5/12/09	2.html	rziegler@atg.state.il.us.

		purported to offer an online tutorial to help consumers fix their credit. However, consumers who filed complaints with Madigan's office report they never used the defendants' services nor authorized the monthly \$9.99 fee that appeared on their telephone bills. Further, Madigan's complaint alleges that when consumers disputed the charges, the defendants falsely claimed they		http://www.illinoisattorn eygeneral.gov/pressro om/2009 02/2009021 0.html and http://www.illinoisattorn	
		had received approval from		eygeneral.gov/pressro	Robyn Ziegler
	US Credit Find, Inc., and owner	someone authorized to place		om/2009 06/2009061	(312) 814-3118
Illinois	Aaron Stanz	charges on the phone bill	6/18/09	8.html	rziegler@atg.state.il.us.

		Treated to the only promoted time		T	T
		claimed customers could make			
		\$25,000 in two weeks and touted			
		other get-rich-quick schemes was			
		ordered Friday not to operate in			
		Iowa and to make a refund to any			
		Iowan who asks for it. Polk			
		County District Court Judge D.J.			
		Stovall entered an order Friday			
		permanently prohibiting			
		Christopher Lamparello of New			
		York, NY, from marketing any of			
		his programs in Iowa, and from			
		using an Iowa mailing address or			
		implying any connection to Iowa			
		that does not exist. Lamparello			
		operated as "World Wealth			
		Syndicate," "Publishing Company,			
		Inc.," and "Pridemore Publishing			
		Company, Inc." Judge Stovall			
		also ordered Lamparello to make			
		full refunds to any lowa customer			
		who requested one in writing to			
		the Attorney General's Consumer			
		Protection Division, Hoover Bldg.,			
		1305 East Walnut St., Des			
		Moines, IA 50319. (Call 515-281-			
		5926, or 888-777-4590.) The get-			
		rich-quick programs usually sold		http://www.state.ia.us/	
		for about \$25-30. They were		government/ag/latest_	Robyn Ziegler
	World Wealth Syndicate and	marketed under names such as		news/releases/may_20	(312) 814-3118
Iowa	Christopher Lamparello	"Big Cash Flier," "How I made \$99	5/8/09	09/World Wealth.html	rziegler@atg.state.il.us.

Louisiana	_	Cease and desist orders were issued under the state's Credit Repair Services Organization Act for operating without the required surety bond and other violations. A petition for injunctive relief and for unfair trade practices has been filed against Next Step Credit for its alleged continued operation.			Jennifer Roche (225) 326-6761
		Attorney General Chris Koster filed suit against this company for advertising to consumers that it could get people out of credit-card debt and lower their monthly payments, but not delivering the services promised. Koster said Credit Solutions of America marketed to Missourians that it could reduce their payments by fifty percent, lower their monthly bills, and get consumers out of debt within three years. The Attorney Generals' investigation, however, found that the company took customers' money, but did little or nothing to solve their debt			Nanci Gonder, Nanci.Gonder@ago.mo. gov
Missouri	Credit Solutions of America (CSA)		6/2/09	edit Solutions/	(573) 751-5272

North Carolina	Maurice Jenkins, Lessane	Jenkins and the other defendants	May, 2009	http://www.ncdoj.gov/N	Noelle Talley /
	Properties, LLC, and Fayetteville	told consumers they could make a	•	ews-and-Alerts/News-	ntalley@ncdoj.gov
	Property Center	profit by purchasing houses from		Releases-and-	
		defendants with no money down.		Advisories/Press-	
		Defendants promised to rent out		Releases/Cooper-	
		the houses, manage them, and		unravels-Fayetteville-	
		pay the consumers \$500/month		property-investment-	
		profit. Jenkins misrepresented		s.aspx	
		the value of the properties and			
		caused consumers to take out			
		mortgages and lines of credit for			
		more than the properties were			
		worth. Jenkins and the other			
		defendants kept the money			
		borrowed by the consumers and			
		failed to pay off the previous			
		mortgages, leaving consumers			
		stuck with two mortgages on a			
		single property. The Attorney			
		General's Office entered into a			
		consent judgment with the original			
		defendants in September of 2008			
		to end their deceptive practices.			
		In May of 2009, the Attorney			
		General's Office entered into a			
		consent judgment with two			
		additional defendants, Holly			
		Stevens and The Eddie Peyton			
		Group.			

North Carolina	Napoleon Brewer and Ultimate	In May, the Attorney General	5/14/09 http://www.ncdoj.gov/N Noelle Talley /
	Concerts	issued an investigative demand to	ews-and-Alerts/News- ntalley@ncdoj.gov
		Ultimate Concerts, which was	Releases-and-
		advertising thousands of jobs in	Advisories/Press-
		economically depressed counties	Releases/Watch-out-
		in North Carolina. Mr. Brewer, the	for-employment-scams-
		CEO, wanted the chosen	in-a-tough-job-
		applicants to pay a fee in order to	mark.aspx
		be trained as "concert promoters."	
		The concert promoters would then	
		be self-employed individuals and	
		not employees of Ultimate	
		Concerts as originally advertised.	

North Carolina	StoresOnline	StoresOnline sells software that	6/8/09 http://www.ncdoj.gov/N Noelle Talley /
		claims to assist consumers in	ews-and-Alerts/News- ntalley@ncdoj.gov
		building websites so that they can	Releases-and-
		set up a business and sell	Advisories/Press-
		products. Consumers paid	Releases/AG-Cooper-
		thousands of dollars for a product	wins-refunds-for-
		that they were not able to use,	consumers-misled-by-
		and were induced into buying the	Int.aspx
		product due to StoresOnline's	
		misrepresentations and failure to	
		make appropriate disclosures. In	
		a complaint filed on May 7, 2007,	
		the North Carolina Attorney	
		General's office alleged that that	
		StoresOnline (1) violated North	
		Carolina's business opportunity	
		statute, N.C. Gen. Stat. 66-94 and	
		(2) violated North Carolina's unfair	
		and deceptive trade practice act,	
		N.C. Gen. Stat. 75-1.1, by, among	
		other things, making	
		misrepresentations and engaging	
		in other unfair practices. The	
		parties settled the action in an	
		August 7, 2008 consent judgment.	
		On June 8, 2009, a motion for	
		contempt was filed alleging that	
		StoresOnline had failed to provide	
		full refunds to all qualifying	
		consumers and otherwise failed to	
		fully comply with the restitution	

North Carolina	

North Carolina	Allegro Law	Cease & desist letter sent to Prattville, AL debt settlement firm on June 4, 2009.	6/4/09	Noelle Talley / ntalley@ncdoj.gov
North Carolina	Global Financial Group	Cease & desist letter sent to Hendersonville, NV debt settlement firm on June 8, 2009	6/809.	

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		against Jordan Printing			
		Corporation located in Norwalk,			
		Connecticut, and its principal,			
		William B. Steiger, Jr., doing			
		business under the names			
		ForeclosureTown.com,			
		Foreclosureworld.com, and a			
		laundry list of other websites			
		relating to the Internet listing of			
		properties purported to be			
		foreclosure properties listed in			
		North Dakota and throughout the			
		country. In North Dakota,			
		ForeclosureTown.com lists 853			
		properties in the Bismarck area			
		and 675 properties in the Fargo			
		area that it claims are in			
		foreclosure. The pictures listed			
		are not the actual pictures of the			
		properties. According to			
		Stenehjem, the website listings			
		are merely a ruse to sell			
		memberships for a free 7-day trial			
		period wherein consumers' bank			
		accounts or credit cards are			
		automatically charged.			
	Jordan Printing Corporation, and	Consumers cannot access any of			
	its principal, William B. Steiger,	the listings until they have			
	Jr., doing business under the	purchased a membership. The		http://www.ag.nd.gov/	
	names ForeclosureTown.com,	entity also tries to enroll		NewsReleases/2009/0	Liz Brocker
North Dakota	Foreclosureworld.com	consumers in a		5-01-09.pdf	(701) 328-2210

	The complaint against Alliance and its President, Barry Rothman, allege violations of the Consumer Sales Practices Act and the Telephone Solicitation Sales Act. Alliance Coin sold rare coins over the telephone while misrepresenting the quality and grade of the coins or while charging exorbitant prices. The AG is seeking consumer restitution, declaratory judgment,		Kim Kowalski
Ohio	injunction and civil penalties.	7/1/09	(614) 728-9692



Texas

Texas	BC Credit Solutions LLC	Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott charged four debt settlement companies with orchestrating fraudulent debt settlement schemes. The defendants' Web sites promised that they could eliminate their customers' unsecured debts – such as credit card accounts – in as little as three years. According to the state's enforcement action, the defendants unlawfully misrepresented and overstated the nature of their services.	5/21/09	http://www.oag.state.tx .us/oagNews/release.p hp?id=2991	Jerry Strickland Jerry.strickland@oag.st ate.tx.us
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		Abbott charged four debt			
		settlement companies with		http://www.oag.state.tx	
		orchestrating fraudulent debt			Jerry.strickland@oag.st
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		Texas Attorney General Greg			
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		settlement companies with		http://www.oag.state.tx	
Toyoo	Four Peaks Financial Services	orchestrating fraudulent debt settlement schemes.		.us/oagNews/release.p	,
Texas	Four Peaks Financial Services	Texas Attorney General Greg		hp?id=2991	ate.tx.us
		Abbott charged four debt			
		settlement companies with		http://www.oag.state.tx	Jerry Strickland
		orchestrating fraudulent debt			Jerry.strickland@oag.st
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		April 23, 2009, the Texas Attorney			
		General's Consumer Protection			
		and Public Health Division filed			
		suit against Infusion Media, Inc.			
		and Jonathan D. Eborn, an			
		individual for violating the Texas			
		Deceptive Trade Practices Act.			
		The Defendants advertised a			
		work-at-home program from their			
		Web sites,			
		Googlemoneytree.com,			
		Internetincomeinitiative.com,			
		andGoogletreasurechest.com.			
		The Defendants advertised the			
		Googlemoneytree "kit" as			
		containing the information			
		necessary to make money from			
		home by making specialized			
		Google and Yahoo searches.			
		Although the kit was advertised as			
		"free," the Defendants failed to			
		clearly and conspicuously			
		disclose that, unless the			
		membership was canceled within			
		seven days, consumers would			
		receive a monthly charge of			
		\$72.21. Litigation is currently			
		ongoing. See our press release			
		at		http://www.oag.state.tx	Jerry Strickland
		http://www.oag.state.tx.us/oagNe			Jerry.strickland@oag.st
Texas	Google Money Tree	ws/release.php?id=2940.	4/23/09	hp?id=2940	ate.tx.us

Texas	Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today charged Credit Solutions of America, Inc. (CSA) with conducting an unlawful scheme that defrauded Texans with financial problems. According to the state's enforcement action, CSA purported to offer a debt settlement service that would eliminate its customers' unsecured debts – such as credit card accounts – in as little as three years. Despite CSA's promises, a state investigation revealed that the defendant failed to negotiate settlements with creditors for most accounts entered into its program. Further, when CSA did negotiate settlements with creditors, its clients did not always receive the 60 percent reduction they were promised.	hp?id=2900	Jerry Strickland theure,estatskhandd@oag.st ate.tx.us taueeeGtsandTexas Atto threetate's enfled Caccm	

		According to the state's		
		enforcement action, JK Harris		
		failed to provide promised		
		services, misrepresented its		
		employees' professional skills and		
		experience, overstated its ability		
		to reduce debts that customers		
		owe to the Internal Revenue		
		Service, and accepted large,		
		prepaid fees from customers		
		whose tax liabilities the firm knew		http://www.oag.state.tx   Jerry Strickland
		<ul><li>or should have known – it could</li></ul>		.us/oagNews/release.p Jerry.strickland@oag.st
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		Court gave final approval of the settlement and entered a judgment against Tremont Financial, a payday lender. The Judgment provides, among other things, that: 1. Tremont Financial must pay \$60,000.00. Each individual class member will receive \$329.81 from the settlement fund. 2. Tremont Financial must contact any		
Wisconsin	Tremont Financial			
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