# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,	)				
Plaintiff,	) CASE NO. 3:19-CV-00055-GCM				
Tamum,	)				
v.	) STIPULATED FINAL ORDER FOR ) PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND				
GAFS Group, LLC, et al.,	) SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AS TO				
Defendants.	<ul><li>DEFENDANTS OMAR HUSSAIN</li><li>AND CEDAR ROSE HOLDINGS</li><li>AND DEVELOPMENT, INC.</li></ul>				
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February					
4, 2019, by filing its Complaint pursuant to Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act					
	on Practices Act				
l(a). On February 4, 2019, on motion by the FTC, the Court					
entered an ex parte					
receiver, and other equitable relief against Defendants. (ECF No. 5). On February 15, 2019, the					
Court entered a Stipulated Preliminary Injunction against Defendants Omar Hussain and Cedar					
Rose Holdings and Development, Inc. (ECF No. 22). Now, the FTC, the Receiver, and					
Defendants Omar Hussain and Cedar Rose Holdings	and Development, Inc., by and through				
their undersigned counsel, stipulate and agree to the entry of this Final Order for Permanent					
	e in this action				

between them.

#### **FINDINGS**

- By stipulation of the parties, the Court finds as follows:
- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. The Complaint charges thattling Defendantparticipated in deceptive busive, and unfair Debt collection practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S. 45 and the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 16 42592p
- Settling Defendantseither admit nor demany of the allegations in the Complaint, except as specifically stated in this Order. Only for pursposethis action, Settling Defendants admit the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction.
- 4. Settling Defendantwaive any claim that hey may have under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, concerning the prosecution of this action through the of this Order, and agree to be here ir own costs and attorney fees.
- 5. Settling Defendantwaive all rights to appeal or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Order.
- 6. Entry of this Order is in the public interest.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

For thepurpose of this Order, the following definitions apply:

A. \*Credit Repair Service ´ PHDQV VHOOLQJ SURY LVOHLLQYL FRIU RSUHUIR Use representing that such service can or will be sold, provided, or performed) through the use of any instrumentality of the restate commerce or the mails, in return for the payment of money or other valuable consideration, for the express or implied purpose of (1)

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- clause (1).
- B. Debt PH DrQ biligation or alleged obligation to pay money arising out of a transaction, whether or not such obligation has been reduced to judgment
- C. \*Debt Collection Activities ´ P H D Qalctivities\of aDebt Collector to collect or attempt to collect, directly or indirectly, Daebt owed or due, or asserted to be owed or due
- D. Debt Collector PHD QPVersionQwho uses any instrumentality of interstate commerce or the mail in any business the principal purpose of which is the collection of Debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or indirectly of weed or due or asserted to be owed or due another. The term also includes any credition theorem, process of collecting its ownebs, uses any name other than its own which would indicate that a thire erson is collecting or attempting to collect someths. The term also includes any erson to the extent sufferson collects or attempts tollect any Debt that was in default at the time it was obtained by seeds on.

- 1. An extension of consumer credit;
- 2. Any CreditRepairService; or 2.

# ORDER

- I. BAN ON DEBT COLLECTION AND DEBT BROKERING ACTIVITIES

  IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Settling Defendants, whether acting directly or through any other person are permanently restrained and enjoined from:
  - A. Participating in Debt Collection Activities; and
  - B. Advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale, selling, or buying any consumer or commerciaDebt or any information regarding a consumer relatingDelat

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- and not obsolete;
- 3. Any aspect of an Secured oiUnsecured Debt Relief Productor Service, including but not limited to (a) the amount of savings a consumer will receive from purchasing, using, or enrolling in subsecured oiUnsecured Debt Relief Product or Service; (b) the amount of time before which a consumer will receive settlemH Q W R I W K D Debts; RonQcly the Preduction or cessation of collection calls;
- 4. That a consumer will receive legal representation; and
- 5. That any particular outcome or result fror financial Related Product or Service is guaranteed, assured, highly lijkor probable, or very likely or probable; and
- B. Advertising or assisting others in advertising credit terms other than those terms that actually are or will be arranged or offered by a creditor or lender.
- III. PROHIBITION AGAINST MISREPRESENTATIONS RELATING TO ANY PRODUCTS OR SERVICES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendants their officers, agents, and employees, and all othersons in active concert(BI)4 (T)Tj E 612(EL)b2 (B. )Tj ET EMC /Span <</MC

refund, or the circumstances in which a full or partial refund will be provided to the consumer; and

- xx2595 in the name of Omar Hussaim,d(c) account number xx0090 the name of Omar Hussain
- 3. L2 Capital, LLCshall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of a copy of this Order, transfer to the FTC or its designdaagent all funds, if anin, the name of Omar Hussain
- C. Upon completion of the asset transfers and the liquidation of all assets Stafftlineg

  Receivership Entities as set forth in Sections IV.B and V of this Order, the remainder

  of the judgment as to Settling Defendants is suspended, subject to the Subsections

  below.
- D. The asset freeze is modified to permit the transfers identified in this Settlipoon

- G. If the suspension of the jgdhent is lifted, the judgment becomes immediately due as to that Settling Defendant the amount specified in Subsection A above (which the parties stipulate only for purposes of this Section represents the consumer injury caused by Settling Defendant sless any payment previously made pursuant to this Section, plus interest computed from the date of entry of this Order).
- H. SettlingDefendants relinquish dominion and all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in all assets transferred pursuant to this Order and may not seek the return of any assets
- I. The facts alleged in the Complaint will be taken as true, without further, pincary subsequent civil litigation by or on behalf of the FTC to enforce its rights to any payment or monetary judgment pursuant to this Order, such as a nondischargeability

fund. If a representative of the FTC decides that direct redress to consumers is wholly or partially impracticable or money remains after redress is completed, the FTC may apply any remaining money for such other equitable relief (including consumer information remedies) as it determines to be reasonably related to 'HIHQGDQWV¶ SUDFWLFHV DOOHJHG LQ WKH &RPSODL equitable relief is to be deposited to the U.S. Treasury as disgorgement. Defendants have no right to charge any actions the FTC or its representatives may take pursuant to this Subsection.

#### V. CONTINUATION OF RECEIVERSHIP

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that A. Cotten Wright Esq., shall continue as a permanent receiver over the thing Receivership Entities with full powers of a permanent receiver, including but not limited to those powers set forth in the Preliminary Injunction (No. 22), and including full liquidation powers. The Receiver is directed to wind uset theng Receivership Entities articulate all assets within 365 days after entry of this Order party RUWKH 5HFHLYHUPD\UHTXHVWWKDWWKH&RXUWH[WHQG termination of the receivership and final payment to the Receiver of all approved the sand expenses, the Receiver shall turn over to the FTC or its designated agent all remaining assets in the receivership estate.

### VI. COOPERATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendants nust fully cooperate with representatives of the FTC in this eased in any investigation related to or associated with the transactions or the occurrences that are the subject of the Completing Defendants nust provide truthful and complete information, evidence and testim Defendants nust

appea for interviews, discovery, hearings, trials, and any other proceedings that an FTC representative may reasonably request upon 5 days written notice, or other reasonable notice, at such places and times as an FTC representative may designate, with the of a subpoena.

#### VII. CUSTOMER INFORMATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendants their officers, agents, and employees, and all othersons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receiv actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are permanently restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly:

- A. Failing to provide sufficient customer information to enableHTNE to administer efficiently consumer redress.f all representative of theTC requests in writing any information related to redressettling Defendants provide it, in the form prescribed by theTC, within 14 days.
- B. Disclosing, using, or benefitting from customer information, including the name, address, telephone number, email address, social security number, other identifying LQIRUPDWLRQ RUDQ\GDFOFHR\XOVFHL\QVF credit card, bak account, or other financial account), that any Defendant obtained prior to entry of this Order in connection with Debt Collection Activities; and
- C. Failing to destroy such customer information in all forms in their possession, custody, or control within 30 days after receipt of written direction to do so from a representative of the FTC.
- D. Provided, however, that customer information need not be disposed of, and may be disclosed, to the extent requested by a government agency or required by law,

regulation, or court order.

#### VIII. ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendante btain acknowledgments of receipt of this Order:

- A. Settling Defendantswithin 7 days of entry of this Order, must submit to the FTC an acknowledgment of receipt ofishOrder sworn under penalty of perjury.
- B. For 5 years after entry of this Ordeach IndividualSettling Defendantfor any business that uch Defendant individually or collectively with any other Defendants, is the majority owner or controls directly ion directly, and the Corporate Settling Defendant must deliver a copy of this Order to: (1) all principals, officers, directors, and LLC managers and members; (2) all employees, agents, and representatives who participate in conduct related to the subject ter of the Order; and (3) any business entity resulting from any change in structure as set forth in the Section titled Compliance Reporting. Delivery must occur within 7 days of entry of this Order for current personnel. For all others, delivery tracecur before they assume their responsibilities.
- C. From each individual or entity to which Settling Defendant lelivered a copy of this Order, that Defendant must obtain, within 30 days, a signed and dated acknowledgment of receipt of this Order.

#### IX. COMPLIAN

- 1. EachSettling Defendantsnust: (a)identify the primary physical, postal, and email address and telephone number, as designated points of contact, which representatives of the FTC may use to communicatethaittSettling Defendant (b) identify all of that Settling Defendant, and Internet addresses; (c) describe the activities of each business, including the goods and services offered, the means of advertising, marketing, and sales, and the involvement (b) including the goods and services offered, the means of advertising, marketing, and sales, and the involvement (b) to the means of advertising Defendantsnust describe if they know or should know due their own involvement); (d) desibe in detail whether and how that Settling Defendants in compliance with each Section of this Order; and (e) provide a copy of each Order Acknowledgment obtained pursuant to this Order, unless previously submitted to the FTC.
- 2. Additionally, each Individua Settling Defendantnust: (a) identify all telephone numbers and all physical, postal, email and Internet addicasteding all residences; (b) identify all business activities, including any business for which that Individual Settling Defendant performs services whether as an employee or otherwise and any entity in which Individual Settling Defendants any ownership interest; and (c) describe in details Individual Settling Defendants (V involvement in each such business, including title, role, responsibilities, participation, authority, control, and any ownership.
- B. For 10 years after entry of this OrdenachSettling Defendanthust submit a compliance notice, sworn under penalty of perjury, within 14 days of any change in the following:

- 1. EachSettling Defendants nust report any change in: (a) any designated point of contact; or (b) the structure of any entity that Settling Defendants any ownership interest in or controls directly or indirectly that may affect compliance obligations arising under this Ord including: creation, merger, sale, or dissolution of the entity or any subsidiary, parent, or affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject to this Order.
- 2. Additionally, each IndividuaSettling Defendantnust report any change in: (a) name,including aliases or fictitious name, or residence address; or (b) title or role in any business activity, including any business for wlthich IndividualSettling Defendantsperforms services whether as an employee or otherwise and any entity in which that IndividualSettling Defendants any ownership interest, and identify the name, physical address, and any Internet address of the business or entity.
- C. EachSettling Defendantnust submit to the FTC notice of the filing of any bankruptcy petition, instructory proceeding, or similar proceeding by or against Settling Defendants/ithin 14 days of its filing.
- D. Any submission to the FTC required by this Order to be sworn under penalty of perjury must be true and accurate and comply with 28 U.S.C. § 4 可相6 as by FRQFOXGLQJ ³, GHFODUH XQGHU SHQDOW\ RI SHUMX \$PHULFD WKDW WKH IRUHJRLQJ LV WUXH DQG FRUUHF WKH GDWH IX/40 40 Q D DVFRHU\ ¶WLWOH LI DSSOLFDEOH DQG
- E. Unless otherwise directed by an FTC representative in writing, all submissions to the FTC pursuant to this Order must be emailed to DEbrief@ftc.gov or sent by overnight

courier (not the U.S. Postal Service) to: Associate Director for Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. The subject line must begin: FTGAFS Group X190013.

#### X. RECORDKEEPING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Settling Defendants out create certain records for 10 years after entry of the Order, and retain each such record for 5 years. Spectficeally, CorporateSettling Defendant each Individual Settling Defendant any business that che Defendant individually or collectively with any other Defendants, isnajority owner or controls directly or indirectly, must create and retain the following records:

- A. Accounting records showing the revenues from all goods or services sold;
- B. Personnel records showing, for each rson providing services, whether as an employeeor otherwise, that HUVRQ¶V QDPH DGGUHVVHV or position; dates of service; and (if applicable) the reason for termination;
- C. Records of all consumer complaints and refund requests, whether received directly or indirectly, suchas through a third party, and any response;

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- D. All records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this
   Order, including all submissions to the FTC; and
- E. A copy of each materially different advertisement or other marketing material.

#### XI. COMPLIANCE MONITORING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring tilling Defendants compliance with this Order, including the financial representations upon which part of the judgment was suspended and any failure to transfer any assets in ed by this Order:

A. Within 14 days of receipt of a written request from a representative of the acc, Settling Defendantnust: submit additional compliance reports or other requested information, which must be sworn under penalty of perjury; appear for depositions; and produce documents for inspection and copying. The FTC is also authorized to

D. Upon written request from a representative of the FTC, any consumer reporting agency must furnish consumer reports cerning Settling Defendant pursuant to Section 604(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §1681b(a)(1).

### XII. ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that there is no just reason for delay of entry of this judgment, and that, pursuant to Federale Pour Civil Procedure 54(b), the Clerk immediately shall enter this Order as a final judgment all effect and the sain and edar Rose Holdings & Development, Inc.

## XIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court retains jurisdiction **th**is matter for purposes of construction, modification, and enforcement of this Order.

