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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Nuray Bendez, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

United Recovery Systems, LP,

Defendant.

Docket No:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Nuray Bendez, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated (hereinafter referred to as "*Plaintiff*"), by and through the undersigned counsel, complains, states and alleges against United Recovery Systems, LP (hereinafter referred to as "*Defendant*"), as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This action seeks to recover for violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.*, ("FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has federal subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).
- 3. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this Judicial District.
 - 4. At all relevant times, Defendant conducted business within the State of New York.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff Nuray Bendez is an individual who is a citizen of the State of New York residing in Suffolk County, New York.
 - 6. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 7. On information and belief, Defendant United Recovery Systems, LP k/n/a Alltran Financial, LP, is a Texas Limited Partnership with a principal place of business in Harris County, Texas.
- 8. Defendant is regularly engaged, for profit, in the collection of debts allegedly owed by consumers.
 - 9. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

ALLEGATIONS

- 10. Defendant alleges Plaintiff owes a debt ("the Debt").
- 11. The Debt was primarily for personal, family or household purposes and is therefore a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
 - 12. Sometime after the incurrence of the Debt, Plaintiff fell behind on payments owed.
- 13. Thereafter, at an exact time known only to Defendant, the Debt was assigned or otherwise transferred to Defendant for collection.
- 14. In its efforts to collect the debt, Defendant contacted Plaintiff by letter ("the Letter") dated May 6, 2016. ("Exhibit 1.")
 - 15. The Letter was the initial communication Plaintiff received from Defendant.
 - 16. The Letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

FIRST COUNT Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e and § 1692f False or Misleading Representations

- 17. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 18. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 19. § 1692e(2)(A) prohibits the false representation of the character, amount, or legal status of any debt.

- 20. § 1692e(2)(B) prohibits the false representation of any services rendered or compensation that may be lawfully received by any debt collector for the collection of a debt.
- 21. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(5) specifically prohibits threatening "to take any action that cannot legally be taken or that is not intended to be taken."
- 22. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e(10) specifically prohibits the "use of any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to collect any debt."
- 23. 15 U.S.C. § 1692f provides a debt collector may not use unfair or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect any debt.
- 24. §1692f(1) limits prohibits the collection of any amount, including any interest, fee, charge, or expense incidental to the debt, unless such amount is expressly authorized by the agreement creating the debt or permitted by law.
 - 25. The Letter states "Non-interest charges or fees."
 - 26. The "Non-interest charges or fees" are listed as "\$(35.00)."
- 27. A collection letter is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate.
- 28. A collection letter is also deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it is reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer.
- 29. Because the "Non-interest charges or fees" are listed as "\$(35.00)," the Letter could reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to mean that there could be "Non-interest charges or fees" added to the debt in the future.
- 30. The Letter could reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to imply that there could be "Non-interest charges or fees" added to the debt in the future.
- 31. The Letter falsely implies that Defendant has the right to add "Non-interest charges or fees" to the debt.
 - 32. Defendant has no legal basis to add "Non-interest charges or fees" to the debt.
- 33. The Letter could reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to threaten to collect a fee.
 - 34. The Letter falsely implies that Defendant has the right to add a fee to the debt.
 - 35. Defendant has no legal basis to add a fee to the debt.
 - 36. Defendant's conduct, as described, violates § 1692e and § 1692f.

SECOND COUNT Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g Failure to Adequately Convey the Amount of the Debt

- 37. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 38. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g provides that within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing certain enumerated information.
- 39. 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1) requires the written notice provide "the amount of the debt."
- 40. The question of whether a written notice adequately provides "the amount of the debt" is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 41. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must convey the amount of the debt clearly from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.
- 42. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must convey the amount of the debt accurately from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.
- 43. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must convey the amount of the debt without ambiguity from the perspective of the least sophisticated consumer.
- 44. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must allow the least sophisticated consumer to determine the minimum amount she owes at the time of the notice.
- 45. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must allow the least sophisticated consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future.
- 46. The written notice, to comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1), must contain an explanation, understandable by the least sophisticated consumer, of any fees or interest that may cause the balance to increase at any time in the future.
- 47. The failure to include the foregoing information renders an otherwise accurate statement of the "amount of the debt," violative of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
- 48. Even if a debt collector accurately conveys the foregoing information, the written notice nevertheless violates 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1) if the least sophisticated consumer could inaccurately interpret the message.

- 49. The Debt was incurred on a credit card issued by Chase Bank USA, N.A.
- 50. At all relevant times herein, the Debt accrued, and was subject to, interest.
- 51. At all relevant times herein, the Debt accrued, and was subject to, late fees.
- 52. The Letter sets forth a "Current Amount Due."
- 53. The Letter fails to state what part of the amount stated is principal.
- 54. The Letter fails to state what part of the amount stated is interest.
- 55. The Letter fails to state what part of the amount stated is late fees.
- 56. The Letter fails to disclose whether the amount stated may increase due to additional interest.
- 57. The Letter fails to disclose whether the amount stated may increase due to additional late fees.
- 58. The Letter fails to indicate whether payment of the amount stated would satisfy the debt.
- 59. The Letter fails to indicate whether payment of the amount stated by any date certain would satisfy the debt.
- 60. The Letter fails to indicate the minimum amount Plaintiff owed at the time of the Letter.
- 61. The Letter fails to provide any information that would allow Plaintiff to determine what Plaintiff will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future.
- 62. The Letter fails to include any "safe harbor" language concerning the accrual of interest.
- 63. The Letter fails to include any "safe harbor" language concerning the accrual of late fees.
- 64. The Letter, because of the aforementioned failures, and especially because of the use of the word "Current," would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the minimum amount owed at the time of the Letter.
- 65. The Letter, because of the aforementioned failures, and especially because of the use of the word "Current," would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine what she will need to pay to resolve the debt at any given moment in the future.
- 66. The Letter, because of the aforementioned failures, and especially because of the use of the word "Current," would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the

amount of his or her debt.

- 67. The Letter, because of the aforementioned failures, and especially because of the use of the word "Current," would render the least sophisticated consumer unable to determine the amount of her debt because the consumer would not know whether interest and fees would continue to accrue, or whether the amount of the debt was static.
- 68. The least sophisticated consumer, because of the aforementioned failures, could reasonably believe that the debt could be satisfied by remitting the amount stated at any time after receipt of the Letter.
- 69. The least sophisticated consumer, because of the aforementioned failures, could also reasonably believe that the amount stated was accurate only on the date of the Letter because of the continued accumulation of interest.
- 70. The least sophisticated consumer, because of the aforementioned failures, could also reasonably believe that the amount stated was accurate only on the date of the Letter because of the continued accumulation of late fees.
- 71. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to indicate the applicable interest rate.
- 72. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to indicate the date of accrual of interest.
- 73. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide the amount of interest during any measurable period.
- 74. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide any information that would enable to consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve on any date after the date of the Letter.
- 75. If interest is continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide any information that would enable to consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve the debt in the future.
- 76. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to indicate the amount of late fees.
- 77. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to indicate the date such fees will be added.

- 78. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide the amount of late fees during any measurable period.
- 79. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide any information that would enable to consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve on any date after the date of the Letter.
- 80. If late fees are continuing to accrue, the least sophisticated consumer would not know how to satisfy the debt because the Letter fails to provide any information that would enable to consumer to determine what she will need to pay to resolve the debt in the future.
- 81. The failure to include the foregoing information could lead the least sophisticated consumer to inaccurately interpret the message.
- 82. The failure to include the foregoing information renders the Letter's statement of the amount of the debt, even if otherwise accurate, incomplete.
- 83. The failure to include the foregoing information renders the Letter's statement of the amount of the debt, even if otherwise accurate, insufficient.
- 84. The failure to include the foregoing information renders the Letter's statement of the amount of the debt, even if otherwise accurate, violative of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).
 - 85. For these reasons, Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(1).

THIRD COUNT Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692e False or Misleading Representations

- 86. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the foregoing paragraphs as if fully restated herein.
- 87. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e prohibits a debt collector from using any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt.
- 88. While § 1692e specifically prohibits certain practices, the list is non-exhaustive, and does not preclude a claim of falsity or deception based on any non-enumerated practice.
- 89. The question of whether a collection letter is deceptive is determined from the perspective of the "least sophisticated consumer."
- 90. A collection letter is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate.

- 91. A collection letter is also deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e if it is reasonably susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer.
- 92. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e requires debt collectors, when they notify consumers of their account balance, to disclose whether the balance may increase due to interest and fees.
 - 93. The amount of the debt is a material piece of information to a consumer.
- 94. Knowing the amount of the debt affects how a consumer responds to a debt collector's attempts to collect the debt.
- 95. As previously alleged, the least sophisticated consumer could reasonably read the Letter to mean that the amount stated was static.
- 96. As previously alleged, the least sophisticated consumer could also reasonably read the Letter to mean that the amount stated was dynamic due to the continued accumulation of interest and/or late fees.
- 97. Because the Letter can reasonably be read by the least sophisticated consumer to have two or more meanings, one of which is inaccurate, as described, it is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
- 98. Because the Letter is susceptible to an inaccurate reading by the least sophisticated consumer, it is deceptive under 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.
 - 99. For these reasons, Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 100. Plaintiff brings this action individually and as a class action on behalf of all persons similarly situated in the State of New York from whom Defendant attempted to collect a consumer debt without disclosing in their collection letter whether interest and late fees were continuing to accrue, from one year before the date of this Complaint to the present.
- 101. This action seeks a finding that Defendant's conduct violates the FDCPA, and asks that the Court award damages as authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.
 - 102. Defendant regularly engages in debt collection.
- 103. The Class consists of more than 35 persons from whom Defendant attempted to collect delinquent consumer debts without disclosing in their collection letter whether interest and late fees were continuing to accrue.
 - 104. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Common questions of law

or fact raised by this class action complaint affect all members of the Class and predominate over any individual issues. Common relief is therefore sought on behalf of all members of the Class. This class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy.

- 105. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Class, and a risk that any adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class would, as a practical matter, either be dispositive of the interests of other members of the Class not party to the adjudication, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests. Defendant has acted in a manner applicable to the Class as a whole such that declaratory relief is warranted.
- 106. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect and represent the interests of the Class. The management of the class action proposed is not extraordinarily difficult, and the factual and legal issues raised by this class action complaint will not require extended contact with the members of the Class, because Defendant's conduct was perpetrated on all members of the Class and will be established by common proof. Moreover, Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in actions brought under consumer protection laws.

JURY DEMAND

107. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial of this action by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests judgment as follows:

- a. Certify this action as a class action; and
- b. Appoint Plaintiff as Class Representative of the Class, and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel; and
- c. Find that Defendant's actions violate the FDCPA; and
- d. Grant damages against Defendant pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and
- e. Grant Plaintiff's attorneys' fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and

- f. Grant Plaintiff's costs; together with
- g. Such other relief that the Court determines is just and proper.

DATED: May 5, 2017

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May 6, 2016

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Nuray Bendez 77 HÍGBIE LN WEST ISLIP NY 11795-3927 Creditor: Chase Bank USA, N.A. Account: XXXXXXXXXXXXX2889

Partial Account Number for Your Security

URS ID: 37713128 Amount Due as of charge-off:

\$4,970.90 Interest since charge-off \$0.00 Non-interest charges or fees: \pm \$(35.00) \$0.00 Payments since charge-off: 4,935.90 Current Amount Due:

United Recovery Systems, LP PO BOX 722929 HOUSTON TX 77272-2929

Please detach at perforation and return with your payment.

YOUR DELINQUENT ACCOUNT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THIS OFFICE FOR COLLECTION!!!!

Please remit payment in full of any undisputed amount, payable to our client, in the enclosed envelope.

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within the thirty day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, this office will: obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. If you request this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

We trust that your intention is to address this long overdue debt. If you wish to make payment arrangements, you can call our office 24 hours a day at 888-793-6186, Ext. 8628 so we can assist you in resolving this matter. As of the date of this letter you owe the amount stated above. For further information about your balance please call your account representative.

Debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C.§ 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but not limited to:

(i) the use or threat of violence;

(ii) the use of obscene or profane language; and

(iii) repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:

Supplemental security income, (SSI);

Social security; 2.

3. Public assistance (welfare);

- 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
- 5. Unemployment benefits;

Disability benefits; 6.

- Workers' compensation benefits; 7.
- 8. Public or private pensions;

9 Veterans' benefits;

- 10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and
- 11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

This communication is from a debt collector. We are required to inform you that this is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for this purpose.

Sincerely,

MRS W WHITE 888-793-6186, ext 8628 United Recovery Systems, LP P.O. Box 722929 HOUSTON TX 77272-2929

If you write to us and ask us to stop communicating with you about this debt, we will, but if you owe this debt, you will still owe it and the debt may still be collected from you. If you have a complaint about the way we are collecting this debt, you may write to our Contact Center, 5800 North Course Drive, Houston, TX 77072 or call our toll-free Complaint Hotline at (800) 326-8040 between 7 AM and 4 PM (Central Time) Monday-Friday.

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Account: XXXXXXXXXXXX2889
Partial Account Number for Your Security

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Case 2:17-cv-02791 Document 1-2 Filed 05/08/17 Page 2 of 2 PageID #: 14 CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

I, <u>Craig B. Sanders</u> , counsel for <u>Plaintiff</u> , do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):
☐ monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs,
☐ the complaint seeks injunctive relief,
☐ the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FEDERAL RULES CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1
Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more or its stocks:
RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Front of this Form)
Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 50.3.1 in Section VIII on the front of this form. Rule 50.3.1 (a) provides that "A civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge." Rule 50.3.1 (b) provides that "A civil case shall not be deemed "related" to another civil case merely because the civil case: (A) involves identical legal issues, or (B) involves the same parties." Rule 50.3.1 (c) further provides that "Presumptively, and subject to the power of a judge to determine otherwise pursuant to paragraph (d), civil cases shall not be deemed to be "related" unless both cases are still pending before the court."
NY-E DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 50.1(d)(2)
 Is the civil action being filed in the Eastern District removed from a New York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk County: NO
 If you answered "no" above: a) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffolk County?YES
b) Did the events or omissions giving rise to the claim or claims, or a substantial part thereof, occur in the Eastern District? YES
If your answer to question 2 (b) is "No," does the defendant (or a majority of the defendants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County, or, in an interpleader action, does the claimant (or a majority of the claimants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or Suffolk County?
(Note: A corporation shall be considered a resident of the County in which it has the most significant contacts).
BAR ADMISSION
I am currently admitted in the Eastern District of New York and currently a member in good standing of the bar of this court. Yes No
Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action (s) in this or any other state or federal court? Yes (If yes, please explain) No
I certify the accuracy of all information provided above.

Signature: /s Craig B. Sanders

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York							
Nuray Bendez, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated Plaintiff(s) v. United Recovery Systems, LP Defendant(s))))) (Civil Action No.))))						
SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION							
To: (Defendant's name and address) United Recovery System C/O C T CORPORATION 111 EIGHTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NEW YOR	N SYSTEM						
A lawsuit has been filed against you.							
are the United States or a United States agency, or an off P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an a	you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you ficer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of tion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney,						
If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.							
	CLERK OF COURT						
Date:	Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk						
	Signature of Clerk of Deputy Clerk						

Civil Action No.

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

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