UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN MILWAUKEE DIVISION

CHARLES LIVERMORE, Individually and on) Case No.: 17-cv-1051
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,) CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
Plaintiff,)
v.	Ś
) Jury Trial Demanded
UNIFUND CCR, LLC, PILOT RECEIVABLES	
MANAGEMENT, LLC, and DISTRESSED)
ASSET PORTFOLIO III, LLC))
Defendants	

INTRODUCTION

1. This class action seeks redress for collection practices that violate the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* (the "FDCPA") and the Wisconsin Consumer Act, chapter 427, Wisconsin Statutes (the "WCA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The court has jurisdiction to grant the relief sought by Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337 and 1367. Venue in this District is proper in that Defendants directed their collection efforts into the District.

PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff Charles Livermore is an individual who resides in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee County).
- 4. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), in that Defendant sought to collect from him debts allegedly incurred for personal, family, or household purposes, namely a personal credit card.

- 5. Plaintiff is a "customer" as defined in the Wisconsin Consumer Act, Wis. Stat. § 421.301(17), in that he allegedly engaged in consumer credit transactions purchases of household goods and services with a personal credit card.
- 6. Defendant Unifund CCR, LLC ("Unifund") is a debt collection agency with its principal offices located at 10625 Techwoods Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45242.
- 7. Unifund is engaged in the business of a collection agency, using the mails and telephone to collect consumer debts originally owed to others.
- 8. Unifund is engaged in the business of collecting debts owed to others and incurred for personal, family, or household purposes.
 - 9. Unifund is a debt collector as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a.
- 10. Defendant Pilot Recievables Management, LLC ("Pilot") is a foreign corporation with its principal offices located at 10625 Techwoods Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45242.
- 11. Defendant Distressed Asset Portfolio III, LLC ("DAP III") is a foreign corporation with its primary offices located at principal offices located at 10625 Techwoods Circle, Cincinnati, OH 45242.
- 12. DAP III, and Pilot are engaged in the business of a collection agency under Wisconsin law, in that they purchase and receive assignment of consumer debts that are in default at the time DAP III or Pilot acquire them. DAP III and Pilot also collect debts owed to others.
- 13. Wis. Stat. § 427.103(3) defines debt collector as: "any person engaging, directly or indirectly, in debt collection, and includes any person who sells, or offers to sell, forms represented to be a collection system, device or scheme, intended or calculated to be used to collect claims. The term does not include a printing company engaging in the printing and sale of

forms." (emphasis added). On its face, Wis. Stat. § 427.103(3) applies to creditors collecting on their own behalf.

- 14. Wis. Stat § 427.103(2) states: "Debt collection" means any action, conduct or practice of soliciting claims for collection or in the collection of claims owed or due or alleged to be owed or due a merchant by a customer."
- 15. DAP III, Pilot, or both are "merchants" as defined in the WCA, as either or both entities have, or claim to have, taken assignment of Plaintiff's former consumer credit card account, originally owed to Citibank, N.A. ("Citibank"). Wis. Stat. § 421.301(25) ("The term [merchant] includes but is not limited to a seller, lessor, manufacturer, creditor, arranger of credit and any assignee of or successor to such person.")
- 16. The WCA's debt collection chapter applies to all persons collecting consumer debts, including those collecting debts owed to themselves. The Western District of Wisconsin has noted: "Unlike the FDCPA, the Wisconsin Consumer Act does not provide exceptions to its general definition of a debt collector." *Hartman v. Meridian Fin. Servs.*, 191 F. Supp. 2d 1031, 1048 (W.D. Wis. 2002).
- 17. DAP III and Pilot have engaged third party debt collectors, including Unifund, to collect allegedly defaulted debts that have been assigned to them.
- 18. A company meeting the definition of a "debt collector" (DAP III or Pilot) is vicariously liable for the actions of a second company collecting debts on its behalf. *Janetos v. Fulton Friedman & Gullace, LLP*, 825 F.3d 317, 325-26 (7th Cir. 2016) (assignees who are "debt collectors" are responsible for the actions of those collecting on their behalf); *citing Pollice*, 225 F.3d at 404-05.

FACTS

- 19. Prior to May 30, 2017, Plaintiff's credit card account with Citibank went into default.
- 20. On or about May 30, 2017, Citibank mailed a letter to Plaintiff informing him that his debt to Citibank had been sold to "Pilot Receivables Management, LLC." A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit A</u>.
- 21. On or about June 15, 2017, Unifund mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding an alleged debt, allegedly owed to "DISTRESSED ASSET PORFOLIO III, LLC," which listed Citibank as the original creditor. A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as Exhibit B.
- 22. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit B</u> is a form letters, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.
- 23. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit B</u> is a form debt collection letter used by Unifund to attempt to collect alleged debts.
- 24. <u>Exhibit B</u> lists the address of the original creditor, Citibank, directly above the statement of the creditor to whom the debt is owed as follows:

Original Creditor: CITIBANK, NA
Original Creditor Address: CITIBANK CUSTOMER SERVICE PO BOX 6500, SIOUX FALLS, SD 57117
Current Creditor to Whom the Debt is Owed: DISTRESSED ASSET PORTFOLIO III, LLC

- 25. Citibank and DAP III are two distinct business entities.
- 26. Exhibit B lists Citibank's address directly above DAP III's name on Exhibit B.
- 27. Listing Citibank's address on <u>Exhibit B</u> directly above the current creditor's name is a material false, misleading, or confusing statement.

- 28. The unsophisticated consumer would mistakenly believe that the address listed in paragraph 25 from Exhibit B was the address of the current creditor. Certainly, the consumer would be more familiar with Citibank and its payment address than with Unifund.
- 29. Including the original creditor's address in the validation letter is misleading. It directs the unsophisticated consumer to make payments and send disputes to the wrong party.
- 30. If the consumer sent a check to CITIBANK instead of DAP III or Pilot Receivables, the payment would not satisfy the alleged debt owed to the creditor to whom the debt is purportedly owed, DAP III or Pilot, who would be within its rights to continue collection efforts or even file a lawsuit to collect the debt.
- 31. In addition, the consumer may be barred from recovering a payment to the incorrect party by the voluntary payment doctrine. Even if the voluntary payment doctrine does not apply or would not be enforced, the logistical challenge of obtaining a refund would discourage consumers from attempting to recover their erroneous payment.
- 32. Additionally, if the consumer wrote to Citibank's address to dispute the debt or request verification, because Citibank no longer owns the debt, the dispute or verification request would be futile and the thirty day window to dispute or request verification with Unifund would likely pass before the consumer became aware of the error.
- 33. Inclusion of the previous creditor's address in the validation letter thus overshadows the FDCPA debt validation notice.
- 34. Additionally, looking at the letters referenced in Exhibits A and B together, the unsophisticated consumer would be baffled as to whether DAP III or Pilot Receivables presently owned the debt in question.
 - 35. Plaintiff was confused by Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

- 36. Plaintiff had to spend time and money investigating <u>Exhibit A</u> and <u>Exhibit B</u> and the consequences of any potential responses to <u>Exhibit A</u> and <u>Exhibit B</u>.
- 37. Plaintiff had to take time to obtain and meet with counsel, including travel to counsel's office by car and its related expenses (including but not limited to the cost of gasoline and mileage), to advise Plaintiff on the consequences of Exhibit A and Exhibit B.
- 38. The FDCPA creates substantive rights for consumers; violations cause injury to consumers, and such injuries are concrete and particularized. Bock v. Pressler & Pressler, LLP, No. 11-7593, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 81058 *21 (D.N.J. May 25, 2017) ("through [s]ection 1692e of the FDCPA, Congress established 'an enforceable right to truthful information concerning' debt collection practices, a decision that 'was undoubtedly influenced by congressional awareness that the intentional provision of misinformation' related to such practices, 'contribute[s] to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy,"); Quinn v. Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC, No. 16 C 2021, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 107299 *8-13 (N.D. Ill. Aug. 11, 2016) (rejecting challenge to Plaintiff's standing based upon alleged FDCPA statutory violation); Lane v. Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, No. 15 C 10446, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 89258 *9-10 (N.D. Ill. July 11, 2016) ("When a federal statute is violated, and especially when Congress has created a cause of action for its violation, by definition Congress has created a legally protected interest that it deems important enough for a lawsuit."); Church v. Accretive Health, Inc., No. 15-15708, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 12414 *7-11 (11th Cir. July 6, 2016) (same); see also Mogg v. Jacobs, No. 15-CV-1142-JPG-DGW, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 33229, 2016 WL 1029396, at *5 (S.D. III. Mar. 15, 2016) ("Congress does have the power to enact statutes creating legal rights, the invasion of which creates standing, even though no injury would exist without the statute," (quoting Sterk v.

Redbox Automated Retail, LLC, 770 F.3d 618, 623 (7th Cir. 2014)). For this reason, and to encourage consumers to bring FDCPA actions, Congress authorized an award of statutory damages for violations. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a).

39. Moreover, Congress has explicitly described the FDCPA as regulating "abusive practices" in debt collection. 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(a) – 1692(e). Any person who receives a debt collection letter containing a violation of the FDCPA is a victim of abusive practices. *See* 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692(e) ("It is the purpose of this subchapter to eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors, to insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent State action to protect consumers against debt collection abuses").

COUNT I - FDCPA

- 40. Count I is brought against defendant Unifund.
- 41. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 42. <u>Exhibit B</u> lists the address of the original creditor of the debt next to the name of the current owner of the debt.
- 43. The language in Portfolio's letter is false, misleading and confusing to the unsophisticated consumer. If the unsophisticated consumer sent payment to the listed address, the payment would not satisfy the alleged debt owed to the correct creditor, who would be within its rights to continue collection efforts or even file a lawsuit to collect the debt.
 - 44. Defendant has therefore violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2) and 1692e(10).

COUNT II - FDCPA

45. Count II is brought against defendant Unifund.

- 46. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 47. Unifund's June 15, 2017 letter referenced in <u>Exhibit B</u> is misleading and confusing to the unsophisticated consumer, in that the letter specifies DAP III as current owner of the Plaintiff's account just more than two weeks after the letter from Citibank referenced in <u>Exhibit A</u>, which specified Pilot as the owner of the account.
- 48. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused as to which entity was the actual owner of their debt or whether the June 15, 2017 letter from Unifund, referenced in Exhibit B, represented a legitimate attempt to collect the debt on behalf of DAP III.
- 49. A debt collector cannot make confusing representations about the identity of the creditor in a collection letter.
- 50. 15 U.S.C. § 1692e generally prohibits "any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection with the collection of any debt."
- 51. Unifund's letter is confusing to the unsophisticated consumer, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692e(2)(a).

COUNT III - WCA

- 52. Count III is brought against defendant Pilot.
- 53. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 54. Where Pilot is the actual owner of Plaintiff's debt, the June 15, 2017 Exhibit B sent to Plaintiff by Unifund to collect a debt on Pilot's behalf incorrectly specifies DAP III as the current owner and thereby claims and attempts to enforce a right with knowledge or reason to know that the right does not exist.

55. Defendant violated Wis. Stat. § 427.104(1)(j).

COUNT IV - WCA

- 56. Count IV is brought against defendant DAP III and is pled in the alternative to Count III.
- 57. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 58. Where DAP III is the actual owner of Plaintiff's debt, the June 15, 2017 Exhibit B sent to Plaintiff by Unifund to collect a debt on DAP III's behalf could reasonably be expected to harass the customer.
 - 59. Defendant violated Wis. Stat. §§ 427.104(1)(g) and 427.104(1)(h).

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

- 60. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of a Class, consisting of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent collection letters in the form represented by Exhibits A and B to the complaint in this action, (c) seeking to collect a debt, incurred for personal, family or household purposes (d) between July 28, 2016 and July 28, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service.
- 61. The Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable. Upon information and belief, there are more than 50 members of the Class.
- 62. There are questions of law and fact common to the members of the class, which common questions predominate over any questions that affect only individual class members. The predominant common question is whether the Defendant complied with 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(2) and 1692e(10).

- 63. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.
- 64. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in consumer credit and debt collection abuse cases.
- 65. A class action is superior to other alternative methods of adjudicating this dispute. Individual cases are not economically feasible.

JURY DEMAND

66. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiff and the Class and against Defendants for:

- (a) actual damages;
- (b) statutory damages;
- (c) attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs of suit; and
- (d) such other or further relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: July 31, 2017

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0-682-61321-0002434-001-01-000-000-000 CHARLES W LIVERMORE PO BOX 11098 MILWAUKEE WI 53211-0000

Account Number Ending In: 7220

Dear CHARLES W LIVERMORE

Your loan ending in 7220 with a balance of \$19,548.08 has been sold to Pilot Receivables Management, LLC and is no longer owned by Citi. The balance consists of \$17,529.15 of principal, \$1,725.07 in interest, and \$293.86 in fees.

Effective immediately, please send any future payments or correspondence to Pilot Receivables Management, LLC at:

Pilot Receivables Management, LLC 10625 Techwoods Circle Cincinnati OH 45242

Pilot Receivables Management, LLC may also be reached at 888-384-8171.

In case you have already sent payment to Citi, the payment will be forwarded to Pilot Receivables Management, LLC.

Please note this is not a bill.

Sincerely,

G. Goldberg Vice President Citibank, N.A.

Exhibit B



PO Box 505 Linden MI 48451-0505 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Y1E2113CA3 1085



#BWNKGZZ
#Y1E2113CA3#
CHARLES W LIVERMORE
PO Box 11098
Milwaukee WI 53211-0098

Unifund CCR, LLC 10625 Techwoods Circle Cincinnati, OH 45242

Original Creditor Account Number:

7220

Original Creditor: CITIBANK, NA

Original Creditor Address: CITIBANK CUSTOMER SERVICE PO BOX 6500, SIOUX FALLS, SD 57117

Current Creditor to Whom the Debt is Owed: DISTRESSED ASSET PORTFOLIO III, LLC

Balance Placed: \$19,548.08

Original Creditor Last Payment Date: 09/01/2015

Dear CHARLES W LIVERMORE:

This letter is to inform you that Unifund CCR, LLC currently is servicing the above referenced account on behalf of the current owner, DISTRESSED ASSET PORTFOLIO III, LLC, with a balance of \$19,548.08. You may contact this office to address this matter by calling 888-384-8171.

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the debt, or any portion thereof, 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 with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

Please note that a negative credit bureau report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. This does not affect any other legal rights you might have. We will not report this debt to the credit reporting agencies until the expiration of the time period set forth above.

This communication is from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Sincerely, Account Resolutions Unifund CCR, LLC

* See reverse side for important information regarding your rights.

Privacy Statement

Unifund CCR, LLC understands that your privacy is very important to you. Unifund CCR, LLC has created this Privacy Policy, which explains what information we collect, how we use that information, and how we protect your privacy.

Collection of Information

Personally identifiable information that is collected may include:

- · Contact information (including, but not limited to: name, mailing address, telephone number, fax number, email address)
- Financial information (including, but not limited to: credit or debit card number and expiration date, banking account number, name on account, billing address, account applications, account statements, credit bureau reports, employment information, and property ownership information)

Use of Information

Unifund CCR, LLC will only release your contact information or financial information as permitted or required by law. Unifund CCR, LLC uses your personally identifiable information to process and service your account. We may also provide your contact information and financial information to third party consumer reporting agencies. Your contact information and financial information may also be shared with Unifund CCR, LLC affiliates, vendors, or servicers for the purposes of servicing your account. Unifund CCR, LLC will provide your contact information and financial information to non-affiliated companies when your account is assigned or sold to such non-affiliated companies.

Confidentiality and Security

We restrict access to nonpublic personally identifiable information about you to those employees determined by Unifund CCR, LLC to have a need to know the information. We maintain strict physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect your information from unauthorized access by third parties.

Contacting Us

If you have inquiries or wish to provide feedback about our Privacy Policy, please contact us at:

Unifund CCR, LLC

PO Box 42121

Cincinnati, Ohio 45242-0121

888-384-8171

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm ET, except for Federal Holidays and the Friday after Thanksgiving.

For Colorado Residents Only:

A consumer has the right to request in writing that a debt collector or collection agency cease further communication with a consumer. A written request to cease communication will not prohibit the debt collector or collection agency from taking any action authorized by law to collect the debt. Our local office address is 80 Garden Center, Suite 3, Englewood, CO 80112. Our local phone number is 303 920-4763.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, SEE WWW.COAG.GOV/CAR

This collection agency is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

For North Carolina Residents Only: NC License #107952

For California Residents Only:

The State Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act require that, except under unusual circumstances, collectors may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They may not harass you by using threats of violence or arrest or by using obscene language. Collectors may not use false or misleading statements or call you at work if they know or have reason to know that you may not receive personal calls at work. For the most part, collectors may not tell another person, other than your attorney or spouse, about your debt. Collectors may contact another person to confirm your location or enforce a judgment. For more information about debt collection activities, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov.

For New York Residents Only:

New York City Department of Consumer Affairs license number: 1419944.

For Tennessee Residents Only:

Unifund CCR, LLC is licensed by the Tennessee Collection Services Board of the Department of Commerce and Insurance. License Number: 1323.

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

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- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction**. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- **IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

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Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example:

U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

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CHARLES LIVI	FRMORE)			
Plaintiff(.)			
v.	•) Civil A	Action No. 17-cv	-1051	
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UNIFUND CCR LLC, PILOT DISTRESSED ASSET P)			
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		N A CIVIL A	CTION		
To: (Defendant's name and address)	Unifund CCR, LLC c/o CORPORATION SER' 8040 EXCELSIOR DRIVE SUITE 400 MADISON, WI 53717		Y		
A lawsuit has been file					
Within 21 days after set the United States or a United States or a United States or a United States of 12(a)(2) or (3) – you must ser Federal Rules of Civil Proceduname and address are:	States agency, or an office ve on the plaintiff an ans	er or employee wer to the attac	of the United Stateched complaint or	a motion under Rule 12 of	P. the
If you fail to respond,	judgment by default will	be entered agai	inst you for the rel	ief demanded in the complai	nt.
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Date:					
			Signature oj	f Clerk or Deputy Clerk	

Civil Action No. 17-cv-1051

PROOF OF SERVICE

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□ I personally served the summons and the attached complaint on the individual at (place): □ I left the summons and the attached complaint at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with a person of suitable age and discretion who resides the on (date), and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or □ I served the summons and the attached complaint on (name of individual) who is designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of (name of organization) on (date); or □ I returned the summons unexecuted because; or □ Other (specify): My fees are \$ for travel and \$ for services, for a total of \$	ceived by me on (date)	·		
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Defendar	nt(s)	,)
	SUMMONS IN	A CIVIL ACTION
To: (Defendant's name and address)	PILOT RECEIVABLES MAN c/o CORPORATION SERVIO 80 STATE STREET ALBANY, NY 12207	
A lawsuit has been file	ed against you.	
the United States or a United 12(a)(2) or (3) – you must se	States agency, or an officer rve on the plaintiff an answer	ou (not counting the day you receive it) – or 60 days if you are or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. er to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the must be served on the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney, whose
If you fail to respond, You also must file your answe	•	e entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
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Date:		
<u> </u>		Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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