#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

WENDY LUGO, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff(s),

-against-

KP RECOVERY SOLUTIONS LLC; and JOHN DOES 1-25,

Civil Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CIVIL ACTION**

#### CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendant(s).

Plaintiff, WENDY LUGO, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated (hereinafter "Plaintiff") by and through her undersigned attorney, alleges against the abovenamed Defendant, KP RECOVERY SOLUTIONS LLC ("KP RECOVERY"), and JOHN DOES 1-25 their employees, agents, and successors (collectively "Defendants") the following:

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Plaintiff brings this action for damages and declaratory relief arising from the Defendant's violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (hereinafter "FDCPA"), which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive and unfair practices.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. This is an action for violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq*.

3. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because jurisdiction is not founded solely on diversity of citizenship and one of the Plaintiffs resides in this jurisdiction.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

4. As used in reference to the FDCPA, the terms "creditor," "consumer," "debt," and "debt collector" are defined in § 803 of the FDCPA and 15 U.S.C. § 1692a.

#### **PARTIES**

5. The FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*, which prohibits certain debt collection practices provides for the initiation of court proceedings to enjoin violations of the FDCPA and to secure such equitable relief as may be appropriate in each case.

6. Plaintiff is a natural person and resides in Hudson County, New Jersey and is a "Consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

7. KP RECOVERY SOLUTIONS LLC maintains a location at 24 Sherwood Road, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.

8. Upon information and belief, KP RECOVERY uses the mail, telephone, and facsimile and regularly engages in business the principal purpose of which is to attempt to collect debts alleged to be due another.

9. KP RECOVERY is a "Debt Collector" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692(a)(6).

10. John Does 1-25, are fictitious names of individuals and business alleged for the purpose of substituting names of defendants whose identities will be disclosed in discovery and should be made parties to this action.

#### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

11. Plaintiff brings this action as a state wide class action, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (hereinafter "FRCP"), on behalf of herself and all New Jersey consumers and their successors in interest (the "Class"), who were sent debt collection letters

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and/or notices from the Defendants which are in violation of the FDCPA, as described in this Complaint.

- 12. This Action is properly maintained as a class action. The Class is initially defined as:
  - All New Jersey consumers who were sent letters and/or notices from KP RECOVERY, which contained at least on one of the alleged violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* as set forth herein.

The class definition may be subsequently modified or refined. The Class period begins one year to the filing of this Action.

13. The Class satisfies all the requirements of Rule 23 of the FRCP for maintaining a class action:

- Upon information and belief, the Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable because there are hundreds and/or thousands of persons who were sent debt collection letters and/or notices from the Defendants that violate specific provisions of the FDCPA. Plaintiff is complaining of a standard form letter, notice and/or practice. (*See Exhibit A*, except that the undersigned attorney has, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.2 partially redacted the financial account numbers and/or personal identifiers in an effort to protect Plaintiff's privacy);
- There are questions of law and fact which are common to the Class and which predominate over questions affecting any individual Class member. These common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:

- a. Whether the Defendants violated various provisions of the FDCPA including but not limited to:
  15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692g *et seq.*;
- b. Whether Plaintiff and the Class have been injured by the Defendant's conduct;
- c. Whether Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages and are entitled to restitution as a result of Defendant's wrongdoing and if so, what is the proper measure and appropriate statutory formula to be applied in determining such damages and restitution; and
- d. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to declaratory and/or injunctive relief.
- Plaintiff's claims are typical of the Class, which all arise from the same operative facts and are based on the same legal theories.
- Plaintiff has no interest adverse or antagonistic to the interest of the other members of the Class.
- Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interest of the Class and has retained experienced and competent attorneys to represent the Class.
- A Class Action is superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims herein asserted. Plaintiff anticipates that no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action.
- A Class Action will permit large numbers of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously and without the duplication of effort and expense that numerous individual actions would

engender. Class treatment will also permit the adjudication of relatively small claims by many Class members who could not otherwise afford to seek legal redress for the wrongs complained of herein. Absent a Class Action, class members will continue to suffer losses of statutory protected rights as well as monetary damages.

• Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to the entire Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

#### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

14. Plaintiff is, at all times to this lawsuit, a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

15. Sometime prior to March 17, 2016, Plaintiff allegedly incurred a financial obligation to DEPPAK AMIN, MD ("AMIN, MD").

16. The AMIN, MD obligation arose out of a transaction, in which money, property, insurance or services, which are the subject of the transaction, were primarily for personal, family or household purposes.

17. The AMIN, MD obligation is a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).

18. AMIN, MD is a "creditor" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(4).

19. At some time prior to March 17, 2016, the AMIN, MD obligation was placed with KP RECOVERY for the purpose of collection.

20. At the time the AMIN, MD obligation was placed with KP RECOVERY for the purpose of collection, the balance was past due.

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21. At the time the AMIN, MD obligation was placed with KP RECOVERY for the purpose of collection, the obligation was in default.

22. KP RECOVERY caused to be delivered to Plaintiff a letter dated March 17, 2016, which was addressed to Plaintiff. **Exhibit A**, which is fully incorporated herein by reference.

23. The March 17, 2016 letter was sent to Plaintiff in connection with the collection of the AMIN, MD obligation.

24. The March 17, 2016 letter was the first communication made by KP RECOVERY to Plaintiff concerning the AMIN, MD obligation.

25. The March 17, 2016 letter is a "communication" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

26. Upon receipt, Plaintiff read the March 17, 2016 letter.

27. The March 17, 2016 letter claimed that the amount due on the AMIN, MD obligation was \$100.00.

28. The March 17, 2016 letter states in part:

We will assume that the debt is valid unless you dispute the same. We will then obtain verification of your obligation or, if the debt is founded on a judgment, a copy of the judgment, and we will mail you a copy of the verification or judgment. We will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor, if you make a written request for same within 30 days from your receipt of this notice.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information will be used by that purpose. We are debt collectors.

29. The March 17, 2016 letter also stated that:

You have 30 days to request validation of the debt and during that time no action will be taken against you. If you notify the undersigned in writing within the thirty (30) day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the undersigned will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of the judgment against you by the debt collector. If you notify the undersigned in writing within the thirty-day period described that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, or that you request the name and address of the original creditor, the undersigned shall cease collection of the debt, or any disputed portion thereof, until the undersigned obtains verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment, or the name and address of the original creditor, and a copy of such verification or judgment, or the name and address of the original creditor, is mailed to you by the undersigned.

- 30. Section 1692g(a) et seq. of the FDCPA provides as follows:
- (a) Notice of Debt; contents

Within five days after the initial communication with a consumer in connection with the collection of any debt, a debt collector shall, unless the following information is contained in the initial communication or the consumer has paid the debt, send the consumer a written notice containing—

- (1) the amount of the debt;
- (2) the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed;
- (3) a statement that unless the consumer, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the debt, or any portion thereof, the debt will be assumed to be valid by the debt collector;
- (4) a statement that if the consumer notifies the debt collector in writing within the thirty-day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the debt collector will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of the judgment against the consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be mailed to the consumer by the debt collector; and
- (5) a statement that, upon the consumer's written request within the thirty-day period, the debt collector will provide the consumer with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.
- 31. The March 17, 2016 letter fails to properly provide the notices required by 15

U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3).

32. The March 17, 2016 letter fails to properly provide the notices required by 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(4).

33. The March 17, 2016 letter fails to properly provide the notices required by 15U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(5).

34. The March 17, 2016 letter overshadows and/or contradicts the protections provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3), (4) and (5).

35. The March 17, 2016 letter would cause one to be confused about what rights he or she had, how to exercise those rights and the time limit, if any, to exercise them within.

36. Defendant's March 17, 2016 letters that Defendant sent to Plaintiff and others similarly situated does not comply with the FDCPA. *See* <u>Graziano v. Harrison</u>, 950 F.2d 107 (3<sup>rd</sup> Cir. 1991).

#### POLICIES AND PRACTICES COMPLAINED OF

37. It is KP RECOVERY's policy and practice to send letters and notices to Plaintiff and others similarly situated as shown in **Exhibit A**, which violate the FDCPA, by *inter alia*:

- (a) Failing to provide the full and correct required notices under the FDPCA;
- (b) Using false, deceptive or misleading representations or means in connection with the collection of a debt;
- (c) Providing required notices under the FDCPA in a confusing manner; and
- (d) Overshadowing and/or contradicting required notices under the FDPCA.

38. On information and belief, Defendant engaged in the practices described herein by sending written communications in the form annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**, to at least 30 natural persons in the State of New Jersey with one year of this Complaint.

#### COUNT I FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. VIOLATIONS

39. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and others similarly situated, repeats and realleges all prior allegations as if set forth at length herein.

40. Collection letters and/or notices, such as those sent by Defendant, are to be evaluated by the objective standard of the hypothetical "least sophisticated consumer."

41. Defendant's collection letters and/or notices would cause the least sophisticated consumer to be confused as to his or her rights.

42. Defendant's letters were designed to cause the least sophisticated consumer to be confused as to his or her rights.

43. The content of Defendant's letter was designed to cause the least sophisticated consumer to be confused about what rights he or she had, how to exercise those rights and the time limit, if any, to exercise them within.

44. Defendant's statement that "We will assume that the debt is valid unless you dispute the same" would lead the least sophisticated consumer to believe that that debt was already considered valid by the debt collector unless and until the consumer disputes the debt.

45. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e of the FDCPA by using any false, deceptive or misleading representation or means in connection with attempts to collect debts from Plaintiff and others similarly situated.

46. The "notices" provided in Defendant's collection letters and/or notices constitutes a false, deceptive or misleading representation or means in connection with attempts to collect debts from Plaintiff and others similarly situated. 47. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692e of the FDCPA in connection with communications to Plaintiff and others similarly situated.

48. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692g(a), 1692g(a)(3), 1692g(a)(4) and 1692g(a)(5) of the FDCPA in connection with its communications to Plaintiff and others similarly situated.

49. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a) of the FDCPA by failing to provide the full notices required by 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3), 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(4) and 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(5).

50. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a) of the FDCPA by providing language in its letter in a contradicting or overshadowing manner to the full notices required by 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3), 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(4) and 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(5).

51. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3) of the FDCPA by failing to provide the full notice required by said section.

52. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(4) of the FDCPA by failing to provide the full notice required by said section.

53. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(5) of the FDCPA by failing to provide the full notice required by said section.

54. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(3) by providing language in its letter in a contradicting or overshadowing manner.

55. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(4) by providing language in its letter in a contradicting or overshadowing manner.

56. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(5) by providing language in its letter in a contradicting or overshadowing manner.

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57. Congress enacted the FDCPA in part to eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors.

58. Plaintiff and others similarly situated have a right to free from abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors.

59. Plaintiff and others similarly situated have a right to receive proper notices mandated by the FDCPA.

60. Plaintiff and others similarly situated were sent letters which could have affected their decision-making with regard to the debt.

61. Plaintiff and others similarly situated have suffered harm as a direct result of the abusive, deceptive and unfair collection practices described herein.

62. Plaintiff has suffered damages and other harm as a direct result of the Defendants' actions, conduct, omissions and violations of the FDCPA described herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:

(a) Declaring that this action is properly maintainable as a Class Action and certifying Plaintiff as Class representative and the attorneys, Joseph K. Jones, Esq., and Glen Chulsky, Esq., as Class Counsel;

- (b) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class statutory damages;
- (c) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class actual damages;
- (d) Awarding pre-judgment interest;
- (e) Awarding post-judgment interest.

(f) Awarding Plaintiff costs of this Action, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses; and

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(g) Awarding Plaintiff and the Class such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: November 10, 2016

<u>s/ Joseph K. Jones</u> Joseph K. Jones, Esq. JONES, WOLF & KAPASI, LLC 375 Passaic Avenue, Suite 100 Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 (973) 227-5900 telephone (973) 244-0019 facsimile jkj@legaljones.com

<u>s/ Glen Chulsky</u> Glen Chulsky, Esq. JONES, WOLF & KAPASI, LLC 375 Passaic Avenue, Suite 100 Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 (973) 227-5900 telephone (973) 244-0019 facsimile

#### **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

Pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby requests a

trial by jury on all issues so triable.

<u>s/ Joseph K. Jones</u> Joseph K. Jones, Esq.

#### **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 11.2**

I, Joseph K. Jones, the undersigned attorney of record for Plaintiff, do hereby certify to my own knowledge and based upon information available to me at my office, the matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action now pending in any court or in any arbitration or administrative proceeding.

Dated: November 10, 2016

*s/ Joseph K. Jones* Joseph K. Jones, Esq. Case 2:16-cv-08433-MCA-LDW Document 1 Filed 11/10/16 Page 14 of 15 PageID: 14

# Exhibit



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#### PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO:

(P RECOVERY SOLUTIONS LLC

Email: info@kprecoverysolutions.com

-----Detach and Return with Payment-----

3/17/2016

Wendy Lugo

Dear Wendy Lugo:

KP Recovery Solutions has been retained by the above Creditor, to collect the outstanding obligation owed by you in the amount of \$100.00.

We will assume that the debt is valid unless you dispute the same. We will then obtain verification of your obligation or, if the debt is founded upon a judgment, a copy of the judgment, and we will mail you a copy of the verification or judgment. We will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor, if you make a written request for same within 30 days from your receipt of this notice. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. We are debt collectors.

You have 30 days to request validation of the debt and during that time no action will be taken against you. If you notify the undersigned in writing within the thirty (30) day period that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, the undersigned will obtain verification of the debt or a copy of a judgment against you by the debt collector. If you notify the undersigned in writing within the thirty-day period described that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, or that you request the name and address of the original creditor, the undersigned shall cease collection of the debt, or any disputed portion thereof, until the undersigned obtains verification of the debt or any copy of a judgment, or the name and address of the original creditor, and a copy of such verification or judgment, or name and address of the original creditor, is mailed to you by the undersigned.

If you have any questions regarding your outstanding obligation owed, or if you would like to make a payment, please contact our office at **973-376-4228** or use the self-addressed envelope to mail in a payment.

Sincerely,

KP Recovery Solutions LLC info@kprecoverysolutions.com

l	ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$100.00
	ACCOUNT NUMBER:	
	ORIGINAL CREDIT GRANTOR:	Deepak Amin, MD
	DEBTOR(S):	Wendy Lugo
	DATE OF SERVICE:	9/22/2015

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS		DEFENDANTS	DEFENDANTS		
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(c) Attorney's (Firm Name,	Address, and Telephone Number)	Attorneys (If Known)	Attorneys (If Known)		
JONES, WOLF & KAPA	SI, LLC				
Joseph K. Jones, Esq.					
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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

#### Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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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.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

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
 Do not cite jurisdictional statutes

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.

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