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

LORALIE NOLET, Individually and on Behalf of ) All Others Similarly Situated, Plaintiff, v. NATIONWIDE CREDIT, INC., Defendant.

**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").

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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

#### **PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff Loralie Nolet 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 her a debt allegedly incurred for personal, family or household purposes.

5. Defendant Nationwide Credit, Inc. ("Nationwide") is a foreign corporation with its principal offices located at 1000 Abernathy Road, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA, 30328.

6. Nationwide is engaged in the business of a collection agency, using the mails and telephone to collect consumer debts originally owed to others.

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7. Nationwide is engaged in the business of collecting debts owed to others and incurred for personal, family, or household purposes. Nationwide is a debt collector as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a.

#### **FACTS**

8. On or around January 4, 2017, Nationwide mailed a debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding an alleged debt owed to "Chase Bank USA, N.A." A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

9. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt that Nationwide was attempting to collect was a consumer credit card account, used only for personal, family, or household purposes.

10. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.

11. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> is a form debt collection letter used by Nationwide to attempt to collect alleged debts.

12. <u>Exhibit A</u> is dated January 4, 2017.

13. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit A</u> was actually sent to Plaintiff on January4, 2017

14. On or around February 4, 2017, Nationwide mailed another debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding the alleged debt owed to Chase. A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

15. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit B</u> is another form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.

16. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit B</u> is also a form debt collection letter used by Nationwide to attempt to collect alleged debts.

17. <u>Exhibit A</u> is dated February 4, 2017.

18. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit B</u> was actually sent to Plaintiff on February
4, 2017, exactly 30 days after <u>Exhibit A</u> was sent to Plaintiff.

19. <u>Exhibit B</u> thus misstates the amount of time intervening between Nationwide's transmittal of <u>Exhibit A</u> and <u>Exhibit B</u> to Plaintiff.

20. Moreover, <u>Exhibit B</u> falsely and misleadingly implies that the 30-day FDCPA validation period has already expired when Nationwide mailed <u>Exhibit A</u>. The validation period runs from the date that the consumer *receives* the letter, not when the debt collector mails it. Thus, the validation period had not expired when Nationwide sent <u>Exhibit B</u> to Plaintiff.

21. On or about April 14, 2017, Nationwide mailed yet another debt collection letter to Plaintiff regarding the alleged debt owed to Chase. A copy of this letter is attached to this complaint as <u>Exhibit C</u>.

22. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit C</u> is another form letter, generated by computer, and with the information specific to Plaintiff inserted by computer.

23. Upon information and belief, <u>Exhibit C</u> is also a form debt collection letter used by Nationwide to attempt to collect alleged debts.

24. Exhibit C contains a settlement offer in the amount of \$7,366.01

25. Additionally, <u>Exhibit C</u> includes payment schedule for the settlement offer as follows:

Payment No	D. Payment Recieved by NCI	Payment Amount	Payment No. Payment Recieved by NCI Payment Amount
1	04/27/2017	\$3,684.00	
2	05/30/2017	\$334.73	
3	06/27/2017	\$334.73	
4	07/27/2017	\$334.73	
5	08/28/2017	\$334.73	
6	09/27/2017	\$334.73	
7	10/27/2017	\$334.73	
8	11/27/2017	\$334.73	
9	12/27/2017	\$334.73	
10	01/29/2018	\$334.73	
11	02/27/2018	\$334.73	
12	03/27/2018	\$334.71	

You can settle this account according to the payment arrangement shown in the table below:

This offer is contingent upon NCI receiving the payment pursuant to the payment schedule outlined in this letter.

26. The settlement offer in Exhibit C thus falsely states or implies that the settlement offer is valid only if the first payment is received in accordance to the schedule listed in above referenced table.

27. Upon information and belief, Nationwide had authority from Chase to settle consumers' accounts for 30% of the amount owed, or less, at any time.

28. Statements such as a settlement offer is a "limited time offer," or that the offer expires on a specific date, or that payments must be received by that date, are false and misleading because the same offer is, upon information and belief, available at any time.

29. Such false statements are material false statements, as they impart in the unsophisticated consumer, a false belief that he or she must hurry to take advantage of a limited-time opportunity, when in reality, there is no such time limit.

30. The Seventh Circuit has established "safe harbor" language regarding settlement offers in collection letters:

As in previous cases in which we have created safe-harbor language for use in cases under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, we think the present concern can be adequately addressed yet the unsophisticated consumer still be protected against receiving a false impression of his options by the debt collector's including with the offer the following language: "We are not obligated to renew this offer." The word "obligated" is strong and even the unsophisticated consumer will realize that there is a renewal possibility but that it is not assured.

Evory v. RJM Acquisitions Funding L.L.C., 505 F.3d 769, 775-76 (7th Cir. 2007).

31. Nationwide did not use the safe harbor language in <u>Exhibit C</u>.

32. Upon information and belief, the deadline in Exhibit C to respond to the settlement offer is a sham. There is no actual deadline. The sole purpose of the purported deadline is to impart in the consumer a false sense of urgency.

33. Plaintiff was confused by <u>Exhibits A-C</u>.

34. The unsophisticated consumer would be confused by <u>Exhibits A-C</u>.

35. Plaintiff had to spend time and money investigating <u>Exhibits A-C</u> and the consequences of any potential responses to <u>Exhibits A-C</u>.

36. 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 <u>Exhibit A-C</u>.

37. The FDCPA creates substantive rights for consumers; violations cause injury to consumers, and such injuries are concrete and particularized. *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. Ill.

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).

38. 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

39. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

40. <u>Exhibit B</u> falsely represents the amount of time which intervened between the transmittal of that letter and Defendant's first letter to Plaintiff, <u>Exhibit A</u>.

41. <u>Exhibit B</u> falsely implies that the FDCPA validation period had expired when it had not.

42. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e and 1692e(10).

#### **COUNT II - FDCPA**

43. Plaintiff incorporates by reference as if fully set forth herein the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

44. <u>Exhibit C</u> includes false statements to the effect that the settlement offer is for a limited time only.

45. Upon information and belief, the creditor and/or Nationwide would settle Plaintiff's and class members' alleged debts at the offered discount and likely for less at any time, regardless of the supposed deadline.

46. Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e, 1692e(10) and 1692f.

#### **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

47. Plaintiff bring this action on behalf of two proposed classes.

48. Class I (the "False Time-frame" class) consists of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent a collection letter in the form represented by <u>Exhibit A</u> to the complaint in this action, and (c) and who were sent a collection letter in the form represented by <u>Exhibit B</u> to the complaint in this action, less than 31 days after the <u>Exhibit A</u> was mailed, (d) seeking to collect a debt for personal, family, or household purposes, (e) between October 12, 2016 and October 12, 2017, inclusive, (f) that was not returned by the postal service.

49. Class II (the "Limited-time Settlement" class) consists of (a) all natural persons in the State of Wisconsin (b) who were sent an initial collection letter in the form represented by <u>Exhibit C</u> to the complain in this action, (c) seeking to collect a debt for personal, family, or household purposes, (d) between October 11, 2016, and October 11, 2017, inclusive, (e) that was not returned by the postal service.

50. The classes are so numerous that joinder is impracticable. On information and belief, there are more than 50 members of the Class.

51. There are questions of law and fact common to the members of each class, which common questions predominate over any questions that affect only individual class members.

The predominant common question is whether the Defendants complied with 15 U.S.C. § 1692e, 1692e(10).

52. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the respective class members. All are based on the same factual and legal theories.

53. 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.

54. A class action is superior to other alternative methods of adjudicating this dispute. Individual cases are not economically feasible.

#### JURY DEMAND

55. Plaintiff hereby demand a trial by jury.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that the Court enter judgment in favor of Plaintiff and

the Class and against Defendant 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: October 12, 2017

#### ADEMI & O'REILLY, LLP

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## **EXHIBIT** A

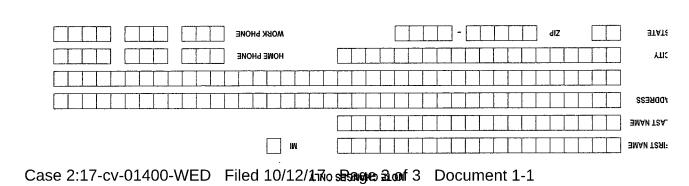
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<ul> <li>myaccount.ncirm.com</li> <li>&gt; 24-hour Access</li> <li>&gt; Make or Reschedule Payments</li> <li>&gt; Change your Contact Information</li> <li>&gt; Tell Us How You Would Like Us to Contact You</li> <li>&gt; And More</li> </ul>	Your outstanding balance with the above referenced creditor is p for collection. The Account Balance as of the date of this letter is help you resolve this account: Secure Online Portal: <u>myaccount.ncirm.com</u> is available 24 ho a day to schedule payments, negotiate alternatives, manage yo account and more! Login using your NCI ID: <b>10003631</b> and Password: Last four digits of your SSN Unless you notify this office within thirty (30) days after rece any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid receiving this notice that the debt, or any portion thereof, is	shown above. The following options are available to         Pay by Mail: Send your check or money order to         NATIONWIDE CREDIT, INC.         PO BOX 26314, LEHIGH VALLEY, PA 18002-6314         Reference your NCI ID on your check or money order         Pay by Phone: Toll free 1-866-428-0926         eiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt, or         . If you notify this office in writing within thirty (30) days after         disputed, this office will obtain verification of the debt or         y of such judgment or verification. Upon your written request         will provide you with the name and address of the original         ispute this debt or inquire for more information about this	a

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# Exhibit B

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### Nationwide Credit, Inc.

obligated to renew this settlement offer.

PO BOX 26314 LEHIGH VALLEY PA 18002-6314 Monday-Thursday 9AM to 10PM ET, Friday 9AM to 7PM ET 1-866-428-0926 myaccount.ncirm.com

You may accept this settlement, see other options available to you

and manage your account online using the following process:

RE: CHASE BANK USA, N.A. Account Number: XXXXXXXXXXXXX8756 Account Balance: \$16,013.08 Settlement Amount: \$8,006.54 Date: 02/03/2017

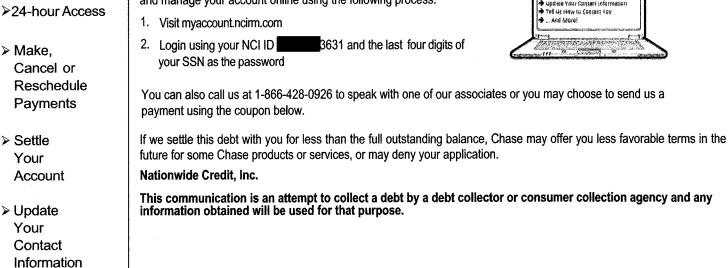
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➤Tell Us How to Contact You

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\*\*\* Please See Reverse Side of This Letter for Important Consumer Information \*\*\*

Nationwide Credit, Inc. previously sent you a letter, more than thirty (30) days ago, advising you that your past due

We are offering you an opportunity to settle this account for only \$8,006.54, saving you \$8,006.54 on the balance owed! This offer is valid for a one-time payment of the settlement amount and is due on or before 02/17/2017. We are not

account was placed with us for collection. The Account Balance as of the date of this letter is shown above.

Please Detach and Return this Stub in the Enclosed Envelope with your Check or Money Order - Make Sure the "Remit to" Address appears in the Window

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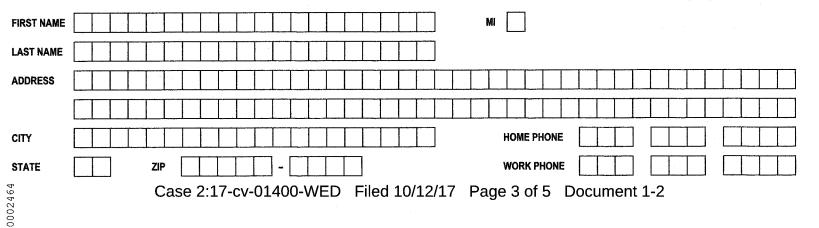
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#### 3 Steps to Accept the Settlement Offer

NCI's Secure Online Portal website allows you the flexibility to accept the settlement offer on the enclosed letter at your own convenience 24/7. Follow the 3 steps below to accept the settlement offer before it expires.

Step 1: Login to your account – Visit <u>https://myaccount.ncirm.com</u>	
Log in Make quick and secure payments, manage your account, make an offer, review payment options & offers	
Nationwide Credit ID Number	Enter the NCI ID on the enclosed letter here
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Step 2: Accept Mail Settlement Offer	
Accept Mail I have received a letter with a settlement offer. Settlement Offer I would like to accept the offer.	Click Select to view and review the settlement offer
How many months do you need to pay \$ xxxxx? Select	Select the number of months you need to pay from the dropdown. The options available here will be based on the specific offer you received in the enclosed letter.
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**Alternatively**, you can also pay using the **EZ payments** option on the website without logging in to your account. Just enter your NCI ID to get started. Enter the settlement amount and payment details on the subsequent pages to complete the payment.

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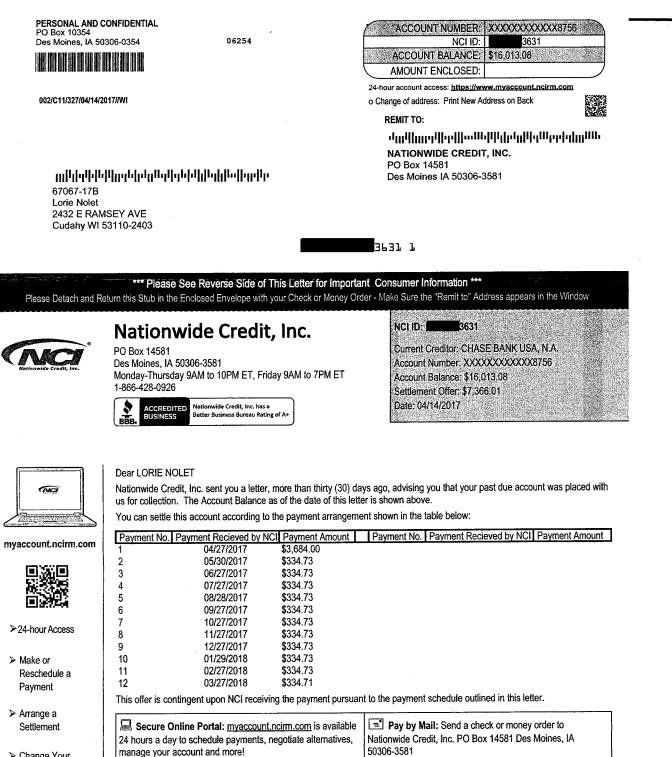
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## Exhibit C

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 Change Your -Contact Information

And More...

If we settle this debt with you for less than the full outstanding balance, Chase may offer you less favorable terms in the future for some Chase products or services, or may deny your application.

Reference your NCI ID on your check or money order

Pay by Phone: Toll free 1-866-428-0926

Sincerely,

Nationwide Credit, Inc.

Login using your NCI ID:

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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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VI. CAUSE OF ACTION	15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq	-	e filing (Do not cite ju	risdictional statutes unless diversity	):
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	Violation of Fair Debt	Collection Practices Act IS A CLASS ACTION	DEMAND \$	CHECK YES on JURY DEMAN	ly if demanded in complaint: D: ☑ Yes ☐ No
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#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44**

#### Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading 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. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

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

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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LORALIE NOLET	)	
<i>Plaintiff(s)</i>	) )	
v.	) Civil Action No.	17-cv-****
	)	
	)	
NATIONWIDE CREDIT, INC.	)	
Defendant(s)	)	

#### SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address)

NATIONWIDE CREDIT, INC. c/o CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 8040 EXCELSIOR DRIVE, SUITE 400 MADISON, WI 53717

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you receive it) - or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(a)(2) or (3) - you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: John D. Blythin

Ademi & O'Reilly, LLP 3620 East Layton Avenue Cudahy, WI 53110

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.

STEPHEN C. DRIES, CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 17-cv-\*\*\*\*

#### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

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

This summons and the attached complaint for (name of individual and title, if any):

$\Box$ I personally serve	d the summons and the attached cor	nplaint on the individual at (place):	
		On (date)	; or
$\Box$ I left the summon	s and the attached complaint at the i	ndividual's residence or usual place of	abode with (nam
	<b>,</b> a j	person of suitable age and discretion wh	o resides there,
on (date)	, and mailed a copy	to the individual's last known address;	or
$\Box$ I served the summ	nons 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
$\Box$ I returned the sum	nmons unexecuted because		; or
□ Other ( <i>specify</i> ):			
My fees are \$	for travel and \$	for services, for a total of \$	0.00
I declare under penalt	ty of perjury that this information is	true.	
:		Server's signature	
		Printed name and title	

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

Reset

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This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: <u>Nationwide Credit Misstated Date Collection Letter Was Sent, Lawsuit Alleges</u>