UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 0:18cv61140

Jeffrey Steele, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMPLAINT – CLASS ACTION

Business Revenue Systems, Inc.,

Defendants.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT SEEKING INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND STATUTORY DAMAGES

JURY DEMAND

On behalf of the putative classes, Plaintiff Jeffrey Steele ("Plaintiff"), seeks redress for the unlawful conduct of Defendant, Business Revenue Systems, Inc. ("Defendant"), *to wit*, violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("FDCPA"). Simply put, Defendant has dispatched thousands unlawful collection letters to Florida consumers, whereby each such letter contains identical violations § 1692g(a), §1692(e) and §1692(f) of the FDCPA.

INTRODUCTION

1. The FDCPA "is a consumer protection statute that 'imposes open-ended prohibitions on, *inter alia*, false, deceptive, or unfair" debt-collection practices. <u>Crawford v.</u> <u>LVNV Funding, LLC</u>, 758 F.3d 1254, 1257 (11th Cir. 2014) (*quoting Jerman v. Carlisle*, McNellie, Rini, Kramer & Ulrich LPA, 559 U.S. 573, 587 (2010)). 2. "Congress enacted the FDCPA after noting abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors." <u>Brown v. Card Serv. Ctr.</u>, 464 F.3d 450 (3rd Cir. 2006) (internal quotations omitted); *see, e.g.*, <u>Id</u>. at 453 (quoting 15 U.S.C. §1692(a)) ("Abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy.").

3. As set forth in more detail below, Defendant has dispatched thousands of unlawful collection letters to consumers in an attempt to collect a debt, and in each such letter, Defendant has failed to clearly and adequately disclose the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed, in violation of § 1692g(a)(2). Defendant is also liable to Plaintiff and class members for violating several provisions under § 1692e and § 1692f by falsely and deceptively misrepresenting consumers' rights regarding their ability to not be subjected to further debt collection activity. Accordingly, Plaintiff, on behalf of the putative class, seeks statutory damages under the FDCPA.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This Court has jurisdiction for all counts under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337, 1367 and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k.

Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 15 U.S.C. §1692k(d), 28 U.S.C §1331, and
 28 U.S.C §1337.

6. Venue in this District is proper because Plaintiff resides here, Defendant transacts business here, and the complained of conduct occurred within the venue.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

7. Plaintiff is entitled to, and hereby respectfully demands, a trial by jury on all counts alleged and on any issues so triable. *See* <u>Sibley v. Fulton DeKalb Collection Service</u>, 677 F.2d 830 (11th Cir.1982) (wherein the Eleventh Circuit held that, "a plaintiff, upon timely demand, is entitled to a trial by jury in a claim for damages under the FDCPA.").

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PARTIES

8. Plaintiff is a natural person, and a citizen of the State of Florida, residing in Broward County, Florida.

9. Plaintiff is a "consumer" within the meaning of the FDCPA. *See* 15 U.S.C §1692a.

10. Defendant is an Indiana corporation, with its principal place of business located in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

11. Defendant engages in interstate commerce by regularly using telephone and mail in a business whose principal purpose is the collection of debts.

12. At all times material hereto, Defendant was acting as a debt collector in respect to the collection of Plaintiff's debts.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

13. The debt at issue (the "Consumer Debt") is a financial obligation Plaintiff incurred primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

14. The Consumer Debt is a "debt" governed by the FDCPA and FCCPA. *See* 15 U.S.C §1692a(5).

15. On a date better known by Defendant, Defendant began attempting collect the Consumer Debts from Plaintiff.

16. On or about March 28, 2018, Defendant sent a collection letter to Plaintiff (the "Collection Letter") in an attempt to collect the Consumer Debt. A copy of the Collection Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

17. The Collection Letter was Defendant's first and/or initial communication with Plaintiff in connection with the Consumer Debt.

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18. Nowhere in the Collection Letter does it state who the current creditor of the debt is as Defendant is required to clearly and effectively disclose pursuant to 15 U.S.C §1692g(a)(2) of the FDCPA.

19. Furthermore, as will be discussed below, falsely and deceptively misrepresented consumers' rights regarding their ability to not be subjected to further debt collection activity in violation of § 1692e and § 1692f of the FDCPA.

20. Any potential *bona fide* error defense which relies upon Defendant's mistaken interpretation of the legal duties imposed upon them by the FDCPA would fail as a matter of law.

Jerman v. Carlisle, McNellie, Rini, Kramer & Ulrich, L.P.A., 130 S.Ct. 1605 (2010).

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

20. This action is brought on behalf of the following two classes:

The Failure to Name Creditor Class:

(i) all persons in the State of Florida (ii) who were sent a letter (iii) between May 19, 2017 and May 19, 2018 (iv) from Defendant (v) in an attempt to collect a debt incurred for personal, family, or household purposes, (vi) of which Defendant failed to properly disclose the name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed pursuant to 15 U.S.C §1692g(a)(2).

and

The False Threat Class:

(i) all persons in the State of Florida (ii) who were sent a letter (iii) between May 19, 2017 and May 19, 2018 (iv) from Defendant (v) in an attempt to collect a debt incurred for personal, family, or household purposes, (vi) of which Defendant represented that payment was required to avoid future collection activity.

21. Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that the classes are so numerous that

joinder of all members is impracticable because Defendant has dispatched thousands of identical

dunning letters to members of the classes attempting to collect consumer debts.

A. <u>EXISTENCE AND PREDOMINANCE OF COMMON QUESTIONS OF LAW & FACT</u>

- 22. Common questions of law and fact exist to the class and predominate over any issues involving only individual class members.
 - 23. With respect to the Failure to Name Creditor Class:
 - (a) The *factual issues common* to the class is whether members received a collection letter from Defendant, in an attempt to collect a consumer debt, within the class period; and
 - (b) The *principal legal issue* of the Class is whether Defendant violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(2) by failing to clearly, adequately, and effectively name of the creditor to whom the debt is owed.
 - 24. With respect to the False Threat Class:
 - (c) The *factual issues common* to the class is whether members received a collection letter from Defendant, in an attempt to collect a consumer debt, within the class period; and
 - (d) The *principal legal issue* of the Class is whether Defendant violated 15
 U.S.C. § 1692e and/or § 1692f by misleading consumers as to their actual rights and ability to be free of further debt collection activity by Defendant.

24. Excluded from the Classes are Defendant's agents and employees, Plaintiff's attorneys and their employees, the Judge to whom this action is assigned, and any member of the Judge's staff and immediate family.

B. <u>TYPICALITY</u>

25. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of each class member and are based on the same facts and legal theories.

C. <u>ADEQUACY</u>

26. Plaintiff is an adequate representative for the Classes.

27. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Classes.

28. Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced in handling actions involving unlawful practices under the FDCPA and consumer-based class actions. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel have any interests which might cause them to not vigorously pursue this action.

D. <u>PREDOMINANCE AND SUPERIORITY</u>

29. Certification of the classes under Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is also appropriate in that:

- (a) The questions of law or fact common to the members of the class predominate over any questions affecting an individual member.
- (b) A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. Certification of a classes under Rule 23(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is also appropriate, in that, Defendant has acted on grounds generally applicable to the class thereby making appropriate declaratory relief with respect to the class as a whole. Plaintiff requests certification of a hybrid class under Rule 23(b)(3) for monetary damages and to Rule 23(b)(2) for injunctive and equitable relief.

COUNT I. <u>VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(2)</u>

31. Defendant violated §1692g(a)(2) of the FDCPA by failing to send Plaintiff a written notice that, in light of the least sophisticated consumer standard, sufficiently advises of name of the creditor to whom the Consumer Debt is owed, in that, the Collection Letter fails to identify any entity as being the "creditor." *See* <u>Pardo v. Allied Interstate, L.L.C.</u>, 2015 WL 5607646 (S.D. Ind. Sept. 21, 2015) (where collection letter's body referred to "Resurgent Capital Services LP" as Allied Interstate's "Client," and offered no explanation of the relationship between LVNV and Resurgent Capital or why/how Resurgent Capital was involved with debt, consumer stated valid §1692g(a)(2) claim). 32. Here, in the Collection Letter, Defendant fails to clearly identify any entity as the *creditor* of the debt. Instead, the letter makes reference to Defendant's "Client." No person or entity is identified as the current creditor as \$1692g(a)(2) requires debt collectors to disclose.

33. Courts have consistently held that "[m]erely including the current creditor's name in a debt collection letter, without more, is insufficient to satisfy 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a)(2)."

McGinty v. Professional Claims Bureau, Inc., Case No. 15-cv-4356 (SJF) (ARL), 2016 WL 6069180, at *4 (E.D.N.Y. Oct. 17, 2016); see also, Suellen v. Mercantile Adjustment Bureau, LLC, Case No. 12-cv-00916 NC, 2012 WL 2849651, at *6 (N.D. Cal. June 12, 2012) (observing that courts have held that "[m]erely naming the creditor without identifying it as the current creditor" is not sufficient for purposes of section 1692g(a)(2)); Sparkman v. Zwicker & Assocs., P.C., 374 F. Supp. 2d 293, 300-01 (E.D.N.Y. 2005) (holding that a debt collector violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692g where "[t]he name of the creditor . . . appear[ed] in the subject line of the Collection Letter, but [was] not identified as a creditor"); Dix v. Natl. Credit Sys., Inc., 2:16-CV-3257-HRH, 2017 WL 4865259, at *2 (D. Ariz. Oct. 27, 2017) ("[a]ll defendant did was name the current creditor. Defendant did nothing to identify Metro on 19th as the current creditor. Thus, plaintiff is entitled to summary judgment on his section 1692g(a)(2) claim"); Datiz v. International Recovery Associates, Inc., Case No. 15-CV-3549 (ADS) (AKT), 2016 WL 4148330 (E.D.N.Y. Aug. 4, 2016) (because collection letter "did not make it *explicit* that [the hospital] was the current creditor to whom the plaintiff owed a debt" summary judgement was granted in favor of Plaintiff's §1692g(a)(2) claim).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the Failure to Name Creditor Class, request that the Court enter an order certifying the described Class and judgment in favor of Plaintiff and Class and against Defendant for:

(1) Statutory damages, as provided under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B);

- (2) Attorney's fees, litigation expenses and costs of the instant suit, as provided under
 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3); and
- (3) Such other or further relief as the Court deems proper.

COUNT II. VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1692e and § 1692f

34. Defendant violated several provisions of §1692e of the FDCPA including §1692e(2), (5) and (10) by utilizing false and misleading representations and/or deceptive means in an attempt to collect the Consumer Debt and/or obtain information concerning Plaintiff as well as §1692f by using unfair or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect any debt

35. Defendant, by and through the Collection Letter, wrongfully causes the least sophisticated consumer to believe that the only way stop Defendant's collection attempts is to pay the alleged debt. *See* <u>Collection Letter</u> ("You can avoid all further collection activity by remitting payment in full"). This is a false and misleading statement. There are many ways that a consumer can prevent a debt collector such as Defendant from being subjected to "further collection activity" short of paying the alleged debt as Defendant demands. *See* 15 U.S.C. 1692c(c) ("If a consumer notifies a debt collector in writing that the consumer refuses to pay a debt or that the consumer wishes the debt collector to cease further communication with the consumer, the debt collector shall not communicate further with the consumer with respect to such debt..."). Defendant misrepresents the law and effectively threatens consumers with further collection efforts unless payment is tendered and simultaneously represents that payment is the only way to stop such efforts.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the False Threat Class, request that the Court enter an order certifying the described Class and judgment in favor of Plaintiff and Class and against Defendant for:

(1) Statutory damages, as provided under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(B);

- (2) Attorney's fees, litigation expenses and costs of the instant suit, as provided under
 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3); and
- (3) Such other or further relief as the Court deems proper.

DATED: May 19, 2018

Respectfully Submitted, /s/ Jibrael S. Hindi . JIBRAEL S. HINDI, ESQ. Florida Bar No.: 118259 E-mail: jibrael@jibraellaw.com THE LAW OFFICES OF JIBRAEL S. HINDI 110 SE 6th Street, Suite 1744 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 Phone: 954-907-1136 Fax: 855-529-9540

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PLAINTIFFS Jeffey Steele, individually I. (a) and on behalf of all others similarly situated.

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Fort Lauderdale FL, 33301. (954)628-5793.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff BROWARD (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

The Law Office of Jibrael S. Hindi, PLLC, 610 SE 6th St., Suite 1744

DEFENDANTS Business Revenue Systems, Inc.

County of Residence	of First Listed Defendant
	(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)
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Attorneys (If Known)	

(d) Check County Where Action Arose: 🛛 miami-dade 🗖 monroe 🗹 broward 🗖 palm beach 🗖 martin 🗖 st. Lucie 🗖 indian river 🗖 okeechobee 🗖 highlands

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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.)

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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.

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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.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Florida

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Jeffrey Steele, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

Plaintiff(s)

v.

Business Revenue Systems, Inc.

Defendant(s)

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) Business Revenue Systems. Inc. CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY 1201 HAYS STREET TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received 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 plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: The Law Offices of Jibrael S. Hindi, PLLC. 110 SE 6th St., Suite 1744, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. Phone: (844)542-7235 Email: jibrael@jibraellaw.com Fax: (855)529-9540

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

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This letter is to notify you that Business Revenue Systems, Inc. is now involved in the collection of your past due account with our client. The balance you owe is reflected above. You can avoid all further collection activity by remitting payment in full. If you are unable to send payment in full, contact us to discuss whether an acceptable payment schedule can be arranged.

Please use the enclosed envelope to send your payment. If you would rather pay online, you may do so at www.brsi.net/paymybill.

Unless you notify this office within thirty (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 thirty (30) days from receiving this notice 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 thirty (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.

This communication is from a debt collection agency attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Account Manager

Business Revenue Systems, Inc. - PO Box 8986 - Fort Wayne, IN 46898 - (877)499-9090 or (260)471-8973

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