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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CUMMIE WASHINGTON on behalf of)	Case No.
herself and all others similarly situated,)	
)	CLASS ACTION
Plaintiff,)	
)	COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS
vs.)	OF:
) EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER) SYSTEM, INC,)	1. VIOLATIONS OF ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER ACT [15 U.S.C. §1693 ET SEQ.]
Defendant.)	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
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Plaintiff CUMMIE WASHINGTON ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, alleges the following against Defendant EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM, INC, upon information and belief based upon personal knowledge:

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff's Class Action Complaint is brought pursuant to the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq. ("EFTA").

2. Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

brings this Complaint for damages, injunctive relief, and any other available legal or equitable remedies, resulting from the illegal actions of Defendants debiting Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis without obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated for preauthorized electronic fund transfers from Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' accounts, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b). Plaintiff alleges as follows upon personal knowledge as to herself and her own acts and experiences, and, as to all other matters, upon information and belief, including investigation conducted by his attorneys.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. 1331, because this action is brought pursuant to the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. 1693 *et seq*.

4. Jurisdiction of this Court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1693(m), which states that, "without regard to the amount in controversy, any action under this section may be brought in any United States district court."

5. Venue and personal jurisdiction in this District are proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b) because Plaintiff resides within this District and Defendants do or transact business within this District, and a material portion of the events at issue occurred in this District.

PARTIES

6. Plaintiff, Cummie Washington ("PLAINTIFF"), is a natural person residing in Allegheny County in the state of Pennsylvania, and is a "consumer" as defined by the EFTA.

7. At all relevant times herein, DEFENDANT, Educational Computer System, Inc ("DEFENDANT") is a company in the business of providing debt collection and other financial services to universities. 8. Defendants acted through their agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS - EFTA

9. Through high pressured tactics Defendant pushed Plaintiff to enter into an oral agreement with Defendant on or about February 24, 2017.

10. Plaintiff provided Defendant's agent with her debit card number to set up auto payments with Defendant.

11. Defendant subsequently began automatically withdrawing \$50.00 per month from Plaintiff's account.

12. Defendant continues to deduct sums from her account, on a regular basis, in order to make payments towards the debt Plaintiff allegedly owes.

13. Plaintiff alleges such activity to be in violation of the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq. ("EFTA"), and its surrounding regulations, including, but not limited to, 12 C.F.R. §§1005.7, 1005.8, and 1005.9.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

14. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, as a member of the proposed class (hereafter "The Class") defined as follows:

All persons in the United States whose bank accounts were debited on a reoccurring basis by Defendants without Defendants obtaining written authorization for preauthorized electronic fund transfers within the one year prior to the filing of this Complaint.

15. Plaintiff represents, and is a member of, The Class, consisting of all persons within the United States whose bank account was debited on a recurring basis by Defendants without Defendants obtaining a written authorization for preauthorized electronic for preauthorized electronic fund transfers within the one

year prior to the filing of this Complaint.

16. Defendants, their employees and agents are excluded from The Class. Plaintiffs do not know the number of members in The Class, but believe the Class members number in the hundreds, if not more. Thus, this matter should be certified as a Class Action to assist in the expeditious litigation of the matter.

17. The Class is so numerous that the individual joinder of all of its members is impractical. While the exact number and identities of The Class members are unknown to Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that The Class includes hundreds, if not thousands, of members. Plaintiff alleges that The Class members may be ascertained by the records maintained by Defendants.

18. This suit is properly maintainable as a class action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) because the Class is so numerous that joinder of the Class members is impractical and the disposition of their claims in the class action will provide substantial benefits both to the parties and to the Court.

19. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class affecting the parties to be represented. The questions of law and fact to the Class predominate over questions which may affect individual Class members and include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

a. The members of the Class entered into agreements with Defendant and have automatic, or recurring, electronic payments drawn from their personal accounts to be paid to Defendants.

b. The members of the Class were not provided with, nor did they execute, written agreements memorializing the automatic or recurring electronic payments.

c. Defendants did not request, nor did it provide, Class members with written agreements memorializing the automatic or recurring electronic payments.

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d. The members of the Class did not provide either a written ("wet") or otherwise electronic signature authorizing the automatic or recurring electronic payments.

e. Despite not providing written or electronic authorization for payments to be drawn from their accounts, Defendants took unauthorized payments from Class members' accounts.

20. As someone whose bank account was debited on a reoccurring basis by Defendants without Defendants obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated for preauthorized electronic fund transfers, Plaintiff is asserting claims that are typical of The Class.

21. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of The Class. Plaintiff has retained attorneys experienced in the prosecution of class actions.

22. A class action is superior to other available methods of fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, since individual litigation of the claims of all Class members is impracticable. Even if every Class member could afford individual litigation, the court system could not. It would be unduly burdensome to the courts in which individual litigation of numerous issues would proceed. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for varying, inconsistent, or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and to the court system resulting from multiple trials of the same complex factual issues. By contrast, the conduct of this action as a class action presents fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and of the court system, and protects the rights of each Class member.

23. The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class members would create a risk of adjudications with respect to them that would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of the other Class members not parties to such

adjudications or that would substantially impair or impede the ability of such nonparty Class members to protect their interests.

24. Defendants have acted or refused to act in respects generally applicable to The Class, thereby making appropriate final and injunctive relief with regard to the members of the Class as a whole.

25. Defendants failed to comply with the writing and notice requirements of § 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a) as to the Class members with respect to the above alleged transactions.

26. Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. §1693e(a), provides that a "preauthorized electronic fund transfer from a consumer's account may be authorized by the consumer only in writing, and a copy of such authorization shall be provided to the consumer when made."

27. Section 903(9) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693a(9), provides that the term "preauthorized electronic fund transfer" means "an electronic fund transfer authorized in advance to recur at substantially regular intervals."

28. Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b), provides that "[p]reauthorized electronic fund transfers from a consumer's account may be authorized only by a writing signed or similarly authenticated by the consumer. The person that obtains the authorization shall provide a copy to the consumer."

29. Section 205.10(b) of the Federal Reserve Board's Official Staff Commentary to Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b), Supp. I, provides that "[t]he authorization process should evidence the consumer's identity and assent to the authorization." *Id.* at ¶10(b), comment 5. The Official Staff Commentary further provides that "[a]n authorization is valid if it is readily identifiable as such and the terms of the preauthorized transfer are clear and readily understandable." *Id.* at ¶10(b), comment 6.

30. In multiple instances, Defendants debited bank accounts of the Class

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members on a recurring basis without obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated by the respective Class members for preauthorized electronic fund transfers from the accounts of the respective Class members, thereby violating § 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

31. In multiple instances, Defendants debited Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis without providing a copy of a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated by the respective Class members for preauthorized electronic funds transfers, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

32. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, a class action is appropriate and preferable because, on information and belief, the putative class consists of hundreds, if not thousands, of individuals and is so numerous that joinder of all putative class members, whether otherwise required or permitted, is impracticable. The actual number of putative class members is in the exclusive control of Defendant.

33. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23, a class action is appropriate and preferable, because Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and Plaintiff has hired counsel able and experienced in class action litigation.

34. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3), class certification is appropriate because this Court and the parties would enjoy economies in litigating common issues on a class-wide basis instead of a repetitive individual basis.

35. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3), class certification is appropriate because the size of each putative class member's actual damages is too small to make individual litigation an economically viable option.

36. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3), class certification is appropriate

because no unusual difficulties will likely occur in the management of the Class as all questions of law or fact to be litigated at the liability stage are common to the putative class and all compensatory relief is concomitant with a liability finding and can be calculated by automated and objective means.

37. The size and definition of the Class can be identified through Defendant's records and/or Defendant's agents' records.

<u>COUNT I:</u> <u>DEFENDANTS VIOLATED THE ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER</u> <u>ACT</u> (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

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42. In multiple instances, Defendants have debited Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis without obtaining a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated for preauthorized electronic fund transfers from Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' accounts, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

43. In multiple instances, Defendants have debited Plaintiff's and also the putative Class members' bank accounts on a recurring basis without providing a copy of a written authorization signed or similarly authenticated by Plaintiff or the putative Class members for preauthorized electronic fund transfers, thereby violating Section 907(a) of the EFTA, 15 U.S.C. § 1693e(a), and Section 205.10(b) of Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. § 205.10(b).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Cummie Washington, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, Educational Computer System, Inc, for the following:

44. That this action be certified as a class action on behalf of The Class and Plaintiff be appointed as the representative of The Class;

45. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00, per Class Member, pursuant to the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, \$916(a)(2)(A);

46. Actual damages;

47. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, §916(a)(3);

48. For prejudgment interest at the legal rate; and

49. Any other relief this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

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TRIAL BY JURY

50. Pursuant to the seventh amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, Plaintiff is entitled to, and demands, a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of August, 2017.

LAW OFFICES OF TODD M. FRIEDMAN, P.C.

By: <u>s/Cynthia Z. Levin</u> **Cynthia Z. Levin, Esq. Law Offices of Todd M. Friedman, P.C. 1150 First Avenue, Suite 501 King of Prussia, PA 19406 Phone: 877-206-4741 Fax: 866-633-0228 clevin@attorneysforconsumers.com Attorney for Plaintiff**

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS CUMMIE WASHINGTON situated,	y EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM, INC,							
(b) County of Residence of <i>(Ez</i>)		County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.						
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, A Cynthia Z. Levin, Esq., La 1150 King of Prussia Ave	aw Offices of Todd M.	Friedman, PC	Att	orneys (If Known)				
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA THIS CASE DESIGNATION SHEET MUST BE COMPLETED

PART A

This case belongs on the (\bigcirc Erie \bigcirc Johnstown \bigcirc Pittsburgh) calendar.

- ERIE CALENDAR If cause of action arose in the counties of Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, McKean. Venang or Warren, OR any plaintiff or defendant resides in one of said counties.
- JOHNSTOWN CALENDAR If cause of action arose in the counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Clearfield or Somerset OR any plaintiff or defendant resides in one of said counties.
- 3. Complete if on ERIE CALENDAR: I certify that the cause of action arose in ______ County and that the ______resides in ______County.
- 4. Complete if on JOHNSTOWN CALENDAR: I certify that the cause of action arose in County and that the resides in County.

PART B (You are to check ONE of the following)

1. O This case is related to Number_____. Short Caption_____.

2. O This case is not related to a pending or terminated case.

DEFINITIONS OF RELATED CASES:

CIVIL: Civil cases are deemed related when a case filed relates to property included in another suit or involves the same issues of fact or it grows out of the same transactions as another suit or involves the validity or infringement of a patent involved in another suit EMINENT DOMAIN: Cases in contiguous closely located groups and in common ownership groups which will lend themselves to consolidation for trial shall be deemed related. HABEAS CORPUS & CIVIL RIGHTS: All habeas corpus petitions filed by the same individual shall be deemed related. All pro se Civil Rights actions by the same individual shall be deemed related.

PARTC

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I. CIVIL CATEGORY (Place \mathbf{x} in only applicable category).

- 1. O Antitrust and Securities Act Cases
- 2. O Labor-Management Relations
- 3. O Habeas corpus
- 4. O Civil Rights
- 5. O Patent, Copyright, and Trademark
- 6. O Eminent Domain
- 7. O All other federal question cases
- 8. O All personal and property damage tort cases, including maritime, FELA, Jones Act, Motor vehicle, products liability, assault, defamation, malicious prosecution, and false arrest
- 9. O Insurance indemnity, contract and other diversity cases.
 - Government Collection Cases (shall include HEW Student Loans (Education), V A Overpayment, Overpayment of Social Security, Enlistment Overpayment (Army, Navy, etc.), HUD Loans, GAO Loans (Misc. Types), Mortgage Foreclosures, SBA Loans, Civil Penalties and Coal Mine Penalty and Reclamation Fees.)

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the entries on this Case Designation Sheet are true and correct

s/Todd M. Friedman

Date: March 18, 2015

ATTORNEY AT LAW

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS OF BOTH FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE CASE CAN BE PROCESSED.

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.Cv.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

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; **NOTE: 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 clerk(s) 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 six 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.

- 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 actual dollar amount 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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AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Pennsylvania

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CUMMIE WASHINGTON on behalf of herself and all

others similarly situated, Plaintiff v. EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM, INC

Civil Action No.

Defendant

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM, INC 181 Montour Run Rd. Coraopolis, PA 15108-9406

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: Cynthia Z. Levin, Esq.

Law Offices of Todd M. Friedman, P.C. 1150 First Avenue, Suite 501 King of Prussia, PA 19406

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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Civil Action No.

PROOF OF SERVICE

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

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Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

ClassAction.org

This complaint is part of ClassAction.org's searchable class action lawsuit database and can be found in this post: <u>Educational Computer System Accused of Debiting Unauthorized Payments</u>