UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA ORLANDO DIVISION

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

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WV UNIVERSAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 6:12-cv-1618-Orl-22KRS

STIPULATED ORDER FOR PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND FINAL JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT RAMON SANCHEZ-ORTEGA

Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission ("Commission" or "FTC"), filed its Complaint for a Permanent Injunction and Other Equitable Relief pursuant to Sections 13(b) and 19 of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and 57b, and the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act ("Telemarketing Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6108, to obtain temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunctive relief, rescission or reformation of contracts, restitution, disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, and other equitable relief for Defendants' acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), and in violation of the FTC's Trade Regulation Rule entitled "Telemarketing Sales Rule" ("TSR"), 16 C.F.R. Part 310. Plaintiff and Defendant Ramon Sanchez-Ortega ("Stipulating Defendant"), have agreed to entry of this Stipulated Order for Permanent Injunction and Final Judgment ("Order") by this Court in order to resolve all claims against Stipulating Defendant in 's action. Plaintiff and Stipulating Defendant have consented to entry of this Order without 'adjudication of any issue of law or fact herein.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

FINDINGS

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. The First Amended Complaint ("Complaint") charges that Stipulating Defendant engaged in deceptive acts or practices in violation of the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule (the "TSR" or "Rule"), as amended, 16 C.F.R. Part 310, in the Telemarketing of certain products and services.
- 3. Stipulating Defendant neither admits nor denies any of the allegations in the Complaint, except as specifically stated in this Order. Only for purposes of this action, Stipulating Defendant admits the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction.
- 4. Stipulating Defendant waives any claim that he may have under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, concerning the prosecution of this action through the date of this Order, and agrees to bear his own costs and attorneys' fees. Stipulating Defendant waives and releases any claims that he may have against Plaintiff, the Commission, and his agents that relate to this action.
- 5. Stipulating Defendant waives all rights to appeal or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Order.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions apply:

A. "Asset" or "Assets" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any real or personal property, including, but not limited to, "goods," "instruments," "equipment," fixtures," "general intangibles," "inventory," "checks," or "notes," (as these terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code), lines of credit, chattels, leaseholds, contracts, mail or other

deliveries, shares of stock, lists of consumer names, accounts, credits, premises, receivables, funds, and all cash, wherever located.

- B. "Assisting Others" includes, but is not limited to:
- 1. performing customer service functions, including, but not limited to, receiving or responding to consumer complaints;
- 2. formulating or providing, or arranging for the formulation or provision of, any advertising or marketing material, including, but not limited to, any telephone sales script, direct mail solicitation, or the design, text, or use of images of any Internet website, email, or other electronic communication;
- 3. formulating or providing, or arranging for the formulation or provision of, any marketing support material or service, including, but not limited to, web or Internet Protocol addresses or domain name registration for any Internet websites, affiliate marketing services, or media placement services;
 - 4. providing names of, or assisting in the generation of, potential customers;
 - 5. performing marketing, billing, or payment services of any kind; and
- 6. acting or serving as an owner, officer, director, manager, or principal of any entity.
- C. "Defendants" means WV Universal Management, LLC (also doing business as Treasure Your Success), Global Financial Assist, LLC, Leading Production, LLC, Willy Plancher, Valbona Toska, HES Merchant Services Company, Inc., Business First Solutions, Inc., VoiceOnyx Corp., Hal E. Smith (also known as H.E. Smith, Harold E. Smith, and Howell E. Smith), Jonathon E. Warren, Universal Processing Services of Wisconsin, LLC (also doing business as Newtek Merchant Solutions), and Derek Depuydt.

- D. "Representatives" means Defendant's officers, agents, servants, employees and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise.
- E. "Stipulating Defendant" means Ramon Sanchez-Ortega, and his successors and assigns.
- F. "Telemarketing" means a plan, program, or campaign which is conducted to induce the purchase of goods or services or a charitable contribution, by use of one or more telephones and which involves more than one interstate telephone call, whether or not covered by the Telemarketing Sales Rule.

I.

PERMANENT BAN ON ROBOCALLS

IT IS ORDERED that Stipulating Defendant is permanently restrained and enjoined from initiating, or causing others to initiate, any telephone call that delivers a prerecorded message.

II.

PERMANENT BAN ON TELEMARKETING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stipulating Defendant, whether acting directly or indirectly, is permanently restrained and enjoined from participating in Telemarketing, or Assisting Others engaged in Telemarketing.

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MONETARY JUDGMENT AND SUSPENSION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- A. Judgment in the amount of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) is entered in favor of Plaintiff against Stipulating Defendant as equitable monetary relief. The entire judgment is suspended subject to the provisions of the Subsections below.
- B. The Commission's agreement to the suspension of the monetary judgment is expressly premised upon the truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of Stipulating Defendant's representations regarding his financial conditions, as set forth in the transcript of the depositions of the Individual Defendant taken on August 1, 2014, and on the financial statements provided to the Commission and attached as exhibits to that transcript (collectively, "financial representations").
- C. The suspension of the judgment will be lifted as to the Stipulating Defendant if, upon motion by the Commission, the Court finds that the Stipulating Defendant failed to disclose any material Asset, materially misstated the value of any Asset, or made any other material misstatement or omission in the financial representations identified above.
- D. If the suspension of the judgment is lifted, the judgment becomes immediately due as to Stipulating Defendant in the amount specified in Subsection A above (which the parties stipulate only for purposes of this Section represents unjust enrichment alleged in the Complaint), less any amounts already paid plus interest computed from the date of entry of this Order.
- E. Stipulating Defendant relinquishes dominion and all legal and equitable right, title, and interest in all assets transferred pursuant to this Order and may not seek the return of any assets.

- F. The facts alleged in the Complaint will be taken as true, without further proof, in any subsequent civil litigation by or on behalf of the Commission, including in a proceeding to enforce its rights to any payment or monetary judgment pursuant to this Order, such as a nondischargeability complaint in any bankruptcy case.
- G. The facts alleged in the Complaint establish all elements necessary to sustain an action by the Commission pursuant to Section 523(a)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A), and this Order will have collateral estoppel effect for such purposes.
- H. Stipulating Defendant acknowledges that his Taxpayer Identification Number (Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number) which he previously submitted to the Commission, may be used for collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of this Order, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 7701.
- I. All money paid to the Commission pursuant to this Order may be deposited into a fund administered by the Commission or its designee to be used for equitable relief, including consumer redress and any attendant expenses for the administration of any redress fund. If a representative of the Commission decides that direct redress to consumers is wholly or partially impracticable or money remains after redress is completed, the Commission may apply any remaining money for such other equitable relief (including consumer information remedies) as it determines to be reasonably related to Stipulating Defendant's practices alleged in the Complaint. Any money not used for such equitable relief is to be deposited to the U.S. Treasury as disgorgement. Stipulating Defendant has no right to challenge any actions the Commission or its representatives may take pursuant to this Subsection.

IV.

COOPERATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stipulating Defendant must fully cooperate with representatives of Plaintiff and the Commission in this case and in any investigation related to or associated with the transactions or the occurrences that are the subject of the Complaint.

Stipulating Defendant must provide truthful and complete information, evidence, and testimony. Stipulating Defendant must appear for interviews, discovery, hearings, trials, and any other proceedings that a Plaintiff or Commission representative may reasonably request upon five days written notice, or other reasonable notice, at such places and times as a Plaintiff or Commission representative may designate, without the service of a subpoena.

V.

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stipulating Defendant obtain acknowledgments of receipt of this Order:

- A. Stipulating Defendant, within seven days of entry of this Order, must submit to the Commission an acknowledgment of receipt of this Order sworn under penalty of perjury.
- B. For five years after entry of this Order, Stipulating Defendant for any business that he, individually or collectively with any other Defendants, is the majority owner or controls directly or indirectly must deliver a copy of this Order to: (1) all principals, officers, directors, and LLC managers and members; (2) all employees, agents, and other Representatives who participate in conduct related to the subject matter of the Order; and (3) any business entity resulting from any change in structure as set forth in the Section titled Compliance Reporting. Delivery must occur within seven days of entry of this Order for current personnel. For all others, delivery must occur before they assume their responsibilities.

C. From each individual or entity to which Stipulating Defendant delivered a copy of this Order, Stipulating Defendant must obtain, within 30 days, a signed and dated acknowledgment of receipt of this Order.

VI.

COMPLIANCE REPORTING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stipulating Defendant make timely submissions to the Commission:

- A. One year after entry of this Order, Stipulating Defendant must submit a compliance report, sworn under penalty of perjury.
 - 1. Stipulating Defendant must: (a) identify all telephone numbers and all email, Internet, physical, and postal addresses, including all residences; (b) identify all business activities, including any business for which Stipulating Defendant performs services whether as an employee or otherwise and any entity in which Stipulating Defendant has any ownership interest; and (c) describe in detail the Stipulating Defendant's involvement in each such business, including title, role, responsibilities, participation, authority, control, and any ownership.
- B. For twenty (20) years following entry of this Order, Stipulating Defendant must submit a compliance notice, sworn under penalty of perjury, within fourteen (14) days of any change in the following:
 - 1. Stipulating Defendant must report any change in: (a) any designated point of contact; or (b) the structure of any entity that Stipulating Defendant has any ownership interest in or directly or indirectly controls that may affect compliance obligations arising under this Order, including: creation, merger, sale, or

dissolution of the entity or any subsidiary, parent, or affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject to this Order.

- 2. Additionally, Stipulating Defendant must report any change in:

 (a) name, including aliases or fictitious name, or residence address; or (b) title or role in any business activity, including any business for which Stipulating Defendant performs services whether as an employee or otherwise and any entity in which Stipulating Defendant has any ownership interest, and identify the name, physical address, and any Internet address of the business or entity.
- C. Stipulating Defendant must submit to the Commission notice of the filing of any bankruptcy petition, insolvency proceeding, or any similar proceeding by or against such Defendant within fourteen (14) days of its filing.
- D. Any submission to the Commission required by this Order to be sworn under penalty of perjury must be true and accurate and comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, such as by concluding: "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on: __" and supplying the date, signatory's full name, title (if applicable), and signature.
- E. Unless otherwise directed by a Commission representative in writing, all submissions to the Commission pursuant to this Order must be emailed to DEbrief@ftc.gov or sent by overnight courier (not the U.S. Postal Service) to: Associate Director for Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. The subject line must begin: FTC v. WV Universal Management, LLC, et al., x13007.

VII.

RECORDKEEPING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stipulating Defendant must create certain records for ten years after entry of the Order, and retain each such record for five years. Specifically, Stipulating Defendant for any business that he, individually or collectively with any other Defendants, is a majority owner or controls directly or indirectly, must create and retain the following records:

- A. accounting records showing the revenues from all goods or services sold;
- B. personnel records showing, for each person providing services, whether as an employee or otherwise, that person's: name; addresses; telephone numbers; job title or position; dates of service; and (if applicable) the reason for termination;
- C. records of all consumer complaints concerning the subject matter of the Order, whether received directly or indirectly, such as through a third party, and any response;
- D. all records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this Order, including all submissions to the Commission; and
- E. all records relating to Lead Generators from whom Defendants purchase leads for Telemarketing, including contracts with such Lead Generators.

VIII.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring Stipulating Defendant's compliance with this Order, including the financial representations upon which part of the judgment was suspended and any failure to transfer any assets as required by this Order:

A. Within fourteen days of receipt of a written request from a representative of the Commission or Plaintiff, Stipulating Defendant must: submit additional compliance reports or

other requested information, which must be sworn under penalty of perjury; appear for depositions; and produce documents for inspection and copying. The Commission and Plaintiff are also authorized to obtain discovery, without further leave of court, using any of the procedures prescribed by Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 29, 30 (including telephonic depositions), 31, 33, 34, 36, 45, and 69.

- B. For matters concerning this Order, the Commission and Plaintiff are authorized to communicate directly with Stipulating Defendant. Stipulating Defendant must permit representatives of the Commission and Plaintiff to interview any employee or other person affiliated with Stipulating Defendant who has agreed to such an interview. The person interviewed may have counsel present.
- C. The Commission and Plaintiff may use all other lawful means, including posing, through its representatives as consumers, suppliers, or other individuals or entities, to Stipulating Defendant or any individual or entity affiliated with Stipulating Defendant, without the necessity of identification or prior notice. Nothing in this Order limits the Commission's lawful use of compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9 and 20 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 49, 57b-1.

IX.

RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court retains jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of construction, modification, and enforcement of this Order.

SO ORDERED, this 6 day of Atober, 2014.

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United States District Judge

SO STIPULATED AND AGREED:

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