## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERCAN BARKA, a/k/a JOHN BARKA, d/b/a DGF MANAGEMENT, CLIFFMONT GROUP LIMITED, CORE DIRECT LTD., BROWN STONE, PHOENIX MARKETING SOLUTIONS CORPORATION, RED CREEK LTD., PITMAN SERVICES LTD, XETTI LTD. and HORIZON SRL LIMITED; RYAN YOUNG, d/b/a DGF MANAGEMENT, CLIFFMONT GROUP LIMITED, CORE DIRECT LTD., BROWN STONE, PHOENIX MARKETING SOLUTIONS CORPORATION, RED CREEK LTD., PITMAN SERVICES LTD, XETTI LTD. and HORIZON SRL LIMITED; and TRUE VISION LLC,

Defendants.

### AMENDED COMPLAINT

Civil Action No. 16-5266

Plaintiff, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through the undersigned attorneys, hereby alleges as follows:

### INTRODUCTION

- 1. The United States brings this action for a temporary restraining order, preliminary and permanent injunctions, and other equitable relief pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345, in order to enjoin the ongoing commission of criminal mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341. The United States seeks to prevent continuing and substantial injury to the victims of fraud.
- 2. Since at least 2012 and continuing through at least this Court's issuance of a temporary restraining order in 2016, defendants Ercan Barka ("Barka"), Ryan Young ("Young"),

and True Vision LLC (collectively "Defendants"), using the U.S. mail, have engaged in a predatory mail fraud scheme that targets victims throughout the United States and abroad.

- 3. From at least 2012 through at least this Court's issuance of a temporary restraining order in 2016, Defendants have sent millions of written solicitations annually through the U.S. mail to recipients throughout the United States and abroad. These solicitations are styled as individualized notices that the recipient has won large sums of money or other valuable prizes. The solicitations purport to come from a person or institution tasked with facilitating the delivery of these proceeds or prizes to the solicitation's recipient. The solicitations ask recipients to return a response card with a processing or delivery fee in an envelope pre-addressed to a foreign Post Office box ("P.O. box"). The solicitations claim that the fee will assure prompt processing and receipt of the promised funds and prizes.
- 4. In reality, these solicitations are not personalized letters, but nearly identical form letters that Defendants send to thousands of potential victims throughout the United States. None of the entities from whom the letters are purportedly sent exist. They are fictitious names utilized by Defendants to perpetrate the fraud and to conceal their identities.
- 5. Victims who pay the processing or delivery fee never receive the promised money or prizes. Instead, the victims are bombarded with dozens of additional, similar fraudulent solicitations.
- 6. Many thousands of victims, especially the elderly and vulnerable, suffer financial losses from the mail fraud scheme Defendants perpetrate. Since 2012 alone, the Defendants have swindled victims out of more than an estimated \$29 million.

7. For the reasons stated herein, the United States requests injunctive relief pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345 to enjoin Defendants' ongoing scheme to defraud using the U.S. mail in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 8. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345.
  - 9. Venue lies in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

### **PARTIES**

- 10. Plaintiff is the United States of America.
- 11. Defendant Ercan Barka is a resident of Bergen County, New Jersey and Turkey. Barka also goes by the name "John Barka." In connection with the matters alleged herein, Barka has caused fraudulent solicitations to be delivered through the U.S. mail to victims who reside in the Eastern District of New York. Barka has also caused fraudulent solicitations to enter the U.S. mail at the United States Postal Service International Service Center located at John F. Kennedy International Airport (the "New York ISC") in the Eastern District of New York.
- 12. Defendant Ryan Young is a resident of Bergen County, New Jersey. In connection with the matters alleged herein, Young has caused fraudulent solicitations to be delivered through the U.S. mail to victims who reside in the Eastern District of New York. Young has also caused fraudulent solicitations to enter the U.S. mail at the New York ISC in the Eastern District of New York.
- 13. Both Barka and Young also utilize numerous corporate names when they transact business in furtherance of this mail fraud scheme, including DGF Management, Cliffmont Group

Limited, Core Direct Ltd., Brown Stone, Phoenix Marketing Solutions Corporation, Red Creek Ltd., Pitman Services Ltd., Xetti Ltd. and Horizon SRL Limited.

14. Defendant True Vision LLC ("True Vision") is a Delaware corporation. In connection with the matters alleged herein, True Vision has caused fraudulent solicitations to be delivered through the U.S. mail to victims who reside in the Eastern District of New York. True Vision has also caused fraudulent solicitations to enter the U.S. mail at the New York ISC in the Eastern District of New York.

### **DEFENDANTS' FRADULENT SCHEME**

- 15. Beginning as early as 2012 and continuing through at least this Court's issuance of a temporary restraining order in 2016, Defendants, using the U.S. mail, have engaged in a mail fraud scheme that has defrauded tens of thousands of victims throughout the United States of more than an estimated \$29 million dollars.
- 16. In furtherance of the fraud scheme, Defendants send solicitation letters from European countries, including the Netherlands, the Czech Republic and Hungary, through the international postal system and into the U.S. mail to potential victims throughout the United States, including in the Eastern District of New York.
- 17. Defendants work with a third-party copywriter to generate the content of their solicitations. Young and Barka coordinate with various third-party companies to carry out the printing and mailing of their fraudulent solicitations. Barka reviews and approves proofs of the fraudulent solicitations from the printer before they are mailed.
- 18. Defendants' solicitation letters are written to appear as if they are being sent by dozens of different organizations and individuals with vague, yet official sounding names and titles, including "Financial Delivery Systems," "DNF Funds Office," "Award Mail Offices," and

"Award Notices Dir." All of these "organizations" and individuals are fictitious. To date, Defendants have sent more than fifty separate fraudulent letter campaigns from different fictitious entities. None of the solicitations identify Defendants as the sender.

- 19. Each solicitation contains multiple misrepresentations designed to induce elderly and vulnerable victims to send payments to Defendants. Some solicitations falsely inform recipients that they have won a sweepstakes or lottery or are otherwise entitled to receive large sums of money ranging from tens of thousands to several million dollars. *See, e.g.*, Ex. A at 5-6; Ex. D.<sup>1</sup> Others falsely promise valuable non-cash prizes such as luxury cars. *See, e.g.*, Ex. E at 5-9. The solicitations purport to come from a person or institution tasked with facilitating the delivery of these proceeds or prizes to the solicitation's recipient. *Id.* The solicitations urge the recipient to pay a required "processing" or "delivery" fee, generally \$20 or \$25, to assure processing and delivery of the promised wealth or luxury items. *Id.*
- 20. Each solicitation contains a response card and a pre-addressed return envelope. The recipient is instructed to fill out the response card and send it to the fictitious entity along with his or her payment. The response card frequently asks victims to affirm that they accept their winnings and to confirm their identity and address. The cards instruct victims to make a payment to the fictitious entity via cash, check, money order or credit card.
- 21. In reality, while Defendants collect millions of dollars each year from U.S. victims alone in response to these solicitations, victims who send in responses and payments never receive the valuable prizes promised in the solicitations.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All exhibits cited herein are attached hereto. The names of the recipients of solicitations have been redacted to protect their privacy.

- 22. Defendants include inconspicuous fine print on the back of their solicitations that purports to set out terms and conditions. These hidden "disclaimers" are printed in light colors, tiny font, and block text, making them barely legible. In many cases, these difficult-to-read "disclaimers" directly contradict the claims in the main body of the solicitation. For example, solicitations claim that the recipient has already been confirmed as the winner of a check or prize in bold, prominent lettering in the main body of the solicitation, but then explain in the hidden disclaimer that funds or items listed are not prizes and the victim is agreeing to purchase an item that is not mentioned anywhere else in the solicitation. *See, e.g.,* Ex. A at 5-6. Victims who sent payments in response to these solicitations did not receive the promised checks or prizes, or the other items listed in the disclaimer. Recipients are highly unlikely to see, let alone read and understand the indecipherable print in the disclaimers. These hidden disclaimers do nothing to counteract the overall impression conveyed by the solicitations that the recipient will receive thousands of dollars or other prizes if the recipient pays the processing fee.
- 23. The solicitations are styled to give the impression that they are personalized to the recipient, but in fact, they are identical mass mailings. The solicitations typically contain an identification number inserted into the form letter and ask the recipient to confirm that he or she is in fact the person identified as the winner, receiver or "guaranteed recipient" of the promised prizes. The solicitations also often state that they are "non-transferable" and "intended for the addressee only" in order to give the impression that the letter is a notification of individual winnings, rather than a mass mailing.
- 24. Despite misrepresentations that the solicitations are unique and personalized, thousands of nearly identical copies of each solicitation are sent to potential victims throughout the United States every month.

- 25. All of Defendants' direct mail solicitations contain pre-addressed return envelopes to facilitate the return of victim payments. These return envelopes are addressed to various foreign P.O. boxes that are rented on Defendants' behalf by what is known in the direct mail industry as a "caging" service.
- 26. The caging service acts as a hub through which responses to Defendants' and other mass-mailers' fraudulent solicitations are sorted, processed and recorded. When the caging service receives victims' responses, it opens the mail, records information regarding the victim's identity, payment method, and amount of payment in a database, and facilitates the transmission of cash, checks and credit card information to Defendants' payment processer. The payment processor collects and processes those payments and distributes the proceeds to Defendants' bank accounts at the direction of Defendants.
- 27. Defendants process victim payments through PacNet Services Ltd. ("PacNet"), a payment processor located in Vancouver, Canada.
- 28. Beginning in early 2012, Barka and Young hired Trends Service in Kommunikatie, B.V. ("Trends"), a Dutch company, to operate as a caging service for their mail fraud scheme. Barka corresponded with Trends using the name "John Barka," and informed Trends that he was operating his direct mail campaigns through Defendant True Vision. He identified True Vision's address as 888C 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 540, New York, NY 10019. This was the address of a P.O. box registered to Barka.
- 29. Barka informed Trends that he was receiving about 30,000 responses to his direct mail campaigns every month. Trends opened P.O. boxes in the Netherlands to receive payments from victims (hereinafter, the "Barka P.O. boxes"). Barka and Young had the addresses of those P.O. boxes printed on the return envelopes included with their fraudulent solicitations.

- 30. On a daily basis, Trends employees collected mail from the Barka P.O. boxes. Trends employees entered information regarding victim responses into an online database system and processed all payments. Cash was deposited into a Dutch bank then wired once a week to Defendants' payment processor, PacNet. Check payments were scanned and electronically deposited to PacNet. Young and Barka received daily reports via email regarding the total volume of payments caged by Trends on their behalf. They also received weekly cash management reports.
- 31. In February of 2012, Young and Barka incorporated DGF Management ("DGF") in the British Virgin Islands ("B.V.I."). Unlike True Vision, which was registered to Barka, the incorporation papers for DGF did not name either Young or Barka. Young and Barka incorporated DGF as a shell company in order to create a level of separation between themselves and the operation of their mail fraud scheme.
- 32. On May 1, 2012, Barka informed Trends that True Vision would now be operating as DGF, and identified DGF's address as a P.O. box in the B.V.I. Although Young and Barka continued to operate their mail fraud scheme through DGF up through at least this Court's issuance of a temporary restraining order in September of 2016, DGF was stricken from the B.V.I. Register of Companies in 2014 for nonpayment of fees.
- 33. From 2012 through May of 2016, Barka contracted with Trends to open P.O. boxes in the names of eight additional corporate entities: Cliffmont Group Limited ("Cliffmont"), Core Direct Ltd. ("Core Direct"), Brown Stone, Phoenix Marketing Solutions Corporation ("PMSC"), Red Creek Ltd. ("Red Creek"), Pitman Services Ltd. "Pitman", Xetti Ltd. ("Xetti") and Horizon SRL Limited ("Horizon").

- 34. All nine of these corporate entities (DGF and the additional eight entities referenced in ¶ 33 *supra*) are simply foreign shell companies Barka and Young used to conceal their identities.
- 35. In accordance with Dutch law, Barka and Young were required to provide Trends with the name of the "Ultimate Beneficial Owner" ("UBO") of each of their shell companies. In order to conceal their own identities, Barka and Young provided to Trends the names and copies of the passports of individuals they knew who had no involvement in the actual operation of their mail fraud schemes as the UBO of each of their shell companies.
- 36. The P.O. boxes rented by Barka and Young on behalf of each of these shell companies were used to receive victim payments, including payments from U.S. victims, in response to solicitations that fraudulently represented that the recipient would receive cash and prizes in exchange for payment of a processing fee. The names of these shell companies are never printed on any of the fraudulent solicitations. Rather, in order to conceal Barka and Young's identities and the source of the solicitations, all of the solicitations bear the name of still other fictional entities and individuals. Barka and Young directed and controlled fraudulent mass mailing campaigns operated in the names of all nine foreign shell companies discussed *supra* in ¶¶ 31-34.
- 37. Barka and Young mailed their fraudulent solicitations to potential victims in multiple countries—in addition to the United States—including Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Austria, Switzerland, New Zealand and Australia.
- 38. Operating the fraud under the names of these various shell companies, Barka continued to receive proceeds of the fraud through a bank account in the name of True Vision through May of 2016. Barka is the sole signatory on that bank account. From January 2015 through May of 2016, the True Vision bank account received wire deposits from PacNet totaling

\$287,328. These wire transfers constitute proceeds of Defendants' fraud scheme. The vast majority of these funds were then transferred to Barka's personal bank account.

- 39. Young received proceeds of the fraud in the form of paper checks from PacNet to accounts in the name of three American corporate entities exclusively controlled by Young: Parasol Media LLC, International Data Sciences LLC, and Electus Holdings.
- 40. From 2012 through 2016, the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS") has issued at least 126 Determinations of Nonmailablity ("DONs") regarding solicitations sent out by Barka and Young through their nine foreign shell companies. *See e.g.* Exhibit A. A DON is a declaration that a particular piece of mail violates federal law.<sup>2</sup> Each of these 126 DONs was mailed along with a sample of the intercepted solicitation to one of the P.O. boxes registered by Trends on behalf of Barka.
- 41. When Trends received DONs at Barka P.O. boxes, Trends employees scanned and emailed copies of the DONs (with the attached solicitations) to an email address shared by Barka and Young. Young and Barka would then close down any P.O. box that had received a DON, in order to evade detection and identification by U.S. law enforcement.
- 42. For example, on June 5, 2013, a Trends employee emailed the following after receiving multiple DONs to Barka P.O. boxes:

Good morning John,

Today Trends received again 4 letters of the USA Postal Inspection Service.

This time there are other mailboxes involved.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In the DON process, the USPIS determines whether foreign mail entering the United States contains "nonmailable" matter as defined in 39 U.S.C. § 3001, including, among other things, lottery-related matter, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1302 or facsimile checks, in violation of 39 U.S.C. § 3001(k). The DON process does not necessarily screen for violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Nonetheless, the seized solicitations mailed along with the DONs are fraudulent on their face, and thus provide Defendants with notice of the illegality of the mass-mailing campaigns.

Trends received a total of 34 letters from the Postal Inspection till this moment and we are quite worried now.

We are concerned about the current developments.

Is it a possibility to close down the affected P.O. Boxes?

43. Barka responded by email that same day, and informed the employee:

DGF has stopped its maillings [sic] to these boxes as of 3 weeks. There is much mail out there so we cannot close all at once. However in a matter of time, I will tell you to close the boxes. PO BOX 255, PO BOX 55, and PO BOX 22 are all boxes wehre [sic] DGF had returns.

PO BOX is for CORE [Direct], which has had this problem once. We have suppressed that particular injection for the US so you should have nothing to worry about.

WE have also changed our mailling [sic] method as of April so this should be the end of all this or near end.

In summary PO BOX 255, PO BOX 55, and PO BOX 22 will be eventually closed down in a future date. We no longer mail to these boxes.

- 44. Trends was the subject of simultaneous enforcement actions by the United States Department of Justice and Dutch law enforcement in June 2016, and is currently the subject of an injunction banning it from performing caging services on mail from U.S. residents who have responded to the type of fraudulent solicitations sent by Barka and Young as part of their mail fraud scheme. *See United States v. Trends Service in Kommunikatie, B.V., et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-02770-ILG-SMG (E.D.N.Y.), Dkt. No. 24, Consent Decree and Final Judgment (September 20, 2016)
- 45. The civil action filed against Trends by the Department of Justice attached one solicitation sent by Barka and Young and two victim responses to Barka and Young's solicitations as examples of fraudulent mailings for which Trends processed victim payments. *See United States v. Trends Serv. in Kommunikatie, B.V., et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-02770-ILG-SMG, Dkt. Entry No. 1, Compl. at Ex. C and L, (E.D.N.Y. June 1, 2016).

46. Following the enforcement actions against Trends, Barka and Young opened new P.O. boxes located in Austria and utilized those P.O. boxes to receive payments from victims in the United States, as well as other countries around the world. Barka and Young also hired a new caging service based in Austria to collect and process mail from victims of their scheme.

### **SPECIFIC MISREPRESENTATIONS**

47. The specific fraudulent solicitations described below are typical of the more than fifty different fraudulent solicitations sent by Defendants from 2012 through 2016.

### The "Cash Guaranteed Winners Payout" Solicitation

- 48. One solicitation sent by Defendants purports to have been sent by "Financial Delivery Systems" and creates the false impression that its recipient has won \$71,868.00 and need only mail in a fee of \$25.00 to receive delivery of the prize. *See* Exhibit A at 5-8.
- 49. The notice states in bold, large print at the top "\$71,868.00 CASH GUARANTEED WINNERS PAYOUT" and "FAILURE TO RESPOND BEFORE THE DEADLINE WILL FORFEIT CASH CLAIM OR ENTITLEMENT." The notice bears what appear to be hand written signatures from an "Inspection Officer," but these "signatures" are in fact preprinted and appear in identical fashion on identical solicitations sent to thousands of other potential victims. Specific misrepresentations contained in this solicitation include the following:
  - You are guaranteed to receive a cash entitlement of no less than \$71,868.00 or award delivery. [VICTIM NAME]<sup>3</sup> as soon as I receive your Form below with acceptance and nominal fee of \$25.00, your item will be expedited to you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Government uses brackets to indicate text that was individualized to the particular recipient through the use of a mail merge software in order to make the solicitation appear personalized.

• Remember [VICTIM NAME] you are a guaranteed winner! You absolutely cannot receive a PAYMENT in the amount of \$71,868.00 unless you complete and post the form below IMMEDIATELY.

The solicitation's response card bears the heading "CASH CLAIM OR ENTITLEMENT PAPERS" and states, "Enclosed is required processing/delivery fee of \$25.00 for compliance requirements to receive Guaranteed Cash/Award."

- 50. Recipients of this solicitation who returned the \$25 fee did not receive a payment of \$71,868.00, or any other prize.
  - 51. On the back of the solicitation in small font is a statement that reads in part:

Each individual who returns the required securement fee will be purchasing and is guaranteed to receive one of the items listed....The item each recipient is entitled to purchase has been determined prior to each mailing based on specific criteria. These items are not prizes or gifts, and this is a merchandise offering, not a sweepstakes, draw or contest.

- 52. This text is written in tiny, closely spaced, block text, and has been formatted to be intentionally difficult to read. Moreover, even if a victim were to read this statement, it does nothing to dispel the misrepresentations elsewhere in the solicitation that the recipient has already been designated a winner and will receive a payment of \$71,868.00 or "award delivery" upon submission of the \$25 fee. Barka and Young mailed nearly identical solicitations to thousands of potential victims throughout the United States from 2013-2016.
- 53. On July 1, 2013, USPIS issued a DON and mailed it to P.O. Box 22, 3984 ZG Odijk, Netherlands, along with a sample of a "Cash Guaranteed Winners Payout" solicitation that is identical to the one described above in every respect, except that the guaranteed cash payout is listed as \$68,868.00. *See* Exhibit B. P.O. Box 22 was registered to Trends on behalf of Defendants' shell company DGF. On July 15, 2013, an employee of Trends emailed the DON to

Barka. At that time, according to Barka, he was already planning to close P.O. Box 22 due to the receipt of multiple DONs to that address. *See* Paragraphs 35-36, *supra*.

54. USPIS later issued DONs regarding the "Cash Guaranteed Winners Payout" solicitation described above on July 24, 2015 and March 25, 2016, both of which were mailed to a Barka P.O. box at the following address: P.O. Box 201, Bunnik CE 3980, The Netherlands. *See* Exhibits A and C. P.O. Box 201 was also registered to Trends on behalf of DGF. An employee of Trends emailed the 2016 DON to Barka on April 1, 2016.

### The "DNF Funds Office" Solicitation

- 55. A solicitation sent by Defendants in 2016 purports to have been sent by "DNF Funds Office" and creates the false impression that its recipient is entitled to receive \$3,722,945.34 from an unidentified source and need only mail in a processing fee of \$25.00 and a "claimant form" to receive delivery of the funds. *See* Exhibit D.
- The notice purports to be from "Jonathan L. DuMonte," the "Award Notices Dir." The notice states in bold, large print "FUNDS /FIDUCIARY DISTRIBUTION NOTICE" and "FUNDS NOTICE ENACTMENT." Toward the top of the page a block of text reads "Notice Content: <u>CONFIRMED FUNDS</u> \*\*\*\*\$3,722,945.34\*\*\*\* appear on report from Account Dept. for [VICTIM NAME] notice mailed/delivered." Specific misrepresentations contained in this solicitation include the following:
  - You are the CONFIRMED RECEIVER HERE NOTIFIED of Funds being Distributed consisting of CASH/AWARD totaling \*\*\*\*\$3,722,945.34\*\*\*\* IN FULL – 100% VERIFIED FOR YOU –
  - This Official and Actual Notice mailed directly to You [VICTIM NAME] is 100% Accurate and is not a mistake, <u>THIS IS REAL</u>, the Award Monies Documentation is made-out to [VICTIM NAME].
  - The Distribution of THESE FUNDS is actually occurring and we need your reply promptly as proper-claim dates are in effect noted in claim prospectus.

The response card is styled as a "Claimant Assign-Form" and states "Award Assets Verified Funds \*\*\*\*\*\*\$3,722,945.34\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*." The response card refers to the victim as the "Receiver On-File" and asks the victim to confirm "I am residing at the address shown On Records for receipt of the Special Parcel carrying my Funds documents and enclosed is my \$25.00 for processing to my residence shown here and On-File." The victim is then asked to enclose cash, a check, or a money order in the amount of \$25.

- 57. Victims who sent in \$25 and a completed claimant form in response to this solicitation did not receive any funds or payment.
  - 58. On the back of the solicitation, in small font is a statement that reads in part:

This company is a research and reporting service. We specialize in researching sweepstakes sponsored and conducted by third party corporations. We compile various sweepstakes opportunities in a newsletter which details all entry requirements, based on existing federal, state, and local regulations....This company is not a lottery, and does not offer lottery, contest or sweepstakes entries.

This text is written in tiny, closely spaced, block text, and has been formatted to be intentionally difficult to read. Moreover, even if a victim were to read this statement, it does nothing to correct the multiple misrepresentations on the front of the solicitation that the recipient will receive a payment of \$3,722,945.34 upon submission of the \$25 fee.

- 59. In 2016, Barka and Young mailed nearly identical solicitations, save for the victim's name and address, to thousands of potential victims throughout the United States. All of the solicitations contained a return envelope pre-addressed to: P.O. Box 40314, 3504 AD Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- 60. P.O. box 40314, 3504 AD Utrecht, the Netherlands, is registered to Trends, and Trends received and processed the responses mailed by victims to that P.O. box on behalf of Barka

and Young's shell company Core Direct. Trends then transmitted the victim payments to Barka and Young via PacNet.

### The "PDN" Solicitation

- 61. Another solicitation sent by Barka and Young to potential victims throughout the United States creates the false impression that its recipient has won a 2015 Audi and need only mail in a \$20.00 "owner/acquisition fee" to arrange for delivery. *See* Exhibit E at 5-9.
- 62. The heading claims: "NOTICE PRIOR TO DELIVERY: ISSUED ENTITLEMENT/ AUTOMOBILE." The solicitation bears a picture of a car; next to the picture it purports to provide the length and width of the car, and states: "IMPORTANT ARRIVAL / PARKING SITE DIMENSIONS > Carefully inspect Automobile parking dimensions. Check your available space on street, garage, or lot." References to a "Freight Bin" for the delivery item imply that the award item is going to be a large item, such as a vehicle. Specific misrepresentations contained in this solicitation include the following:
  - Your shipment was confirmed on [DATE], all delivery and storage fees have been paid by PDN. Your assigned Freight Bin contains 2015 AUDI A6 SEDAN retail value of \$65,485.00 as insured for this or other merchandise entitlement.
  - DUE TO HIGH VALUE OF THE 2015 AUDI A6 SEDAN, delivery is conducted adhering to PDN arranged Transit requiring a Personal ID shown at point of delivery. In advance of Your Delivery complete and return your form.
  - Recipient of the 2015 AUDI A6 SEDAN is permitted to elect to receive cash equivalent of \$65,485.00 by Bank Check instead of physical possession of the car. Please indicate your preference for this important decision. Your Assigned property must be claimed promptly.

The response card is styled as a "Permit To Deliver" and gives the recipient the option to select "park on street or lot" or "park in garage." The following items are listed on the response card, as

though they are items that will be delivered to the recipient: "Warranty"; "Keys (2)"; "Owners' Manual"; "2015 AUDI A6 SEDAN maximum value insured for replacement."

- 63. Recipients of this solicitation who returned the \$20 fee did not receive the promised Audi.
  - 64. On the back of the solicitation in small font is the following statement:

The item a recipient is entitled to purchase has been determined before each mailing . . . . All mailings are assigned a different property allocation number which is assigned to an item that is for sale. Each customer who returns the required fee will be purchasing one of the items listed. The items available in this offer include one 2014 Audi A6, one 52" sony hdtv, one Panasonic digital camera and approximately one million unique jewelry items.

The print appears to be intentionally blurry in order to make it difficult to read. Moreover, even if a victim were to read this statement, it does not dispel the misrepresentations elsewhere in the solicitation that the recipient will receive delivery of a 2015 Audi if he or she pays the \$20 processing fee.

- 65. Nearly identical solicitations were sent to thousands of other potential victims. All of the solicitations contained a return envelope pre-addressed to: Merchandise Processing Center, P.O. Box 40374, 3504 AD Utrecht, the Netherlands.
- 66. P.O. box 40374, 3504 AD Utrecht, the Netherlands, is registered to Trends, and Trends received and processed the responses mailed by victims to that P.O. box on behalf of Barka and Young's shell company Core Direct. Trends then transmitted the victim payments to Barka and Young via PacNet.
- 67. USPIS issued a DON and mailed it to P.O. Box 40374, 3504 AD Utrecht, the Netherlands with a sample of this solicitation on July 24, 2015. *See* Exhibit E.

68. The specific misrepresentations identified in Paragraphs 40 through 71 are only a few examples of the similar misrepresentations contained in the more than fifty form letter solicitations utilized by Defendants.

### DEFENDANTS' KNOWLEDGE AND CONCEALMENT OF THE FRAUD

- 69. Defendants have operated this mail fraud scheme for more than four years. Defendants know that the solicitations they send through U.S. mail to potential victims throughout the United States contain false and misleading statements intended to induce the recipients to send them payments.
- 70. Defendants style their solicitations as letters from fictional financial institutions and individuals, knowing these entities do not exist, in order to mask the true origin of their solicitations.
- 71. Defendants also know that, despite the fact that their solicitations direct victims to send payment in exchange for large checks or prizes worth tens of thousands of dollars or more, those who respond and send payments do not receive the promised cash and prizes.
- 72. Both Young and Barka have taken multiple steps to conceal their identities and their involvement in the operation of this fraud scheme. Defendants operate this fraud scheme in the names of multiple domestic and foreign shell companies whose corporate documents do not reveal Young and Barka's identities or involvement. Defendants provided their caging services and payment processor with the names of individuals who have no involvement in the operation of their scheme as the UBOs of their nine shell companies. Defendants operate this fraud scheme through different countries around the world: Young lives in New Jersey; Barka lives in New Jersey and Turkey; they send the solicitations from the Netherlands, the Czech Republic and

Hungary; they collect victims' money in the Netherlands and Austria; and they receive proceeds through a Canadian payment processor. Once Barka and Young were notified that USPIS was aware of their fraudulent solicitations, they closed the affected P.O.boxes in order to conceal their ongoing criminal activity from the USPIS. They then continued their fraud scheme by simply opening new P.O. boxes.

73. Defendants were aware of the filing of the civil lawsuit against Trends by the United States Department of Justice in June of 2016 and knew that in that filing the Department of Justice identified the sending of three of Defendants' solicitations as mail fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341. Despite this knowledge, Defendants hired a new caging service and continued to mail fraudulent solicitations that were substantially similar to those identified by the Department of Justice as violative of the mail fraud statute.

### **HARM TO VICTIMS**

- 74. Victims, especially elderly and vulnerable victims, suffer financial losses from the mail fraud scheme that Defendants perpetrate. U.S. victims paid Defendants approximately \$7.4 million each year through roughly 434,000 responses to solicitations containing the types of misrepresentations described above. Given these statistics, Defendants' scheme has grossed approximately \$29 million dollars since 2012 from U.S. victims alone. If unabated, this number will rise and continue harming Defendants' victims.
- 75. The Consumer Sentinel database operated by the Federal Trade Commission contains at least 70 complaints regarding Defendants' mail fraud scheme. The complaints generally pertain to false representations made in Defendants' printed solicitations.
- 76. The harm to victims is ongoing and will continue without the injunctive relief sought by the United States.

COUNT I
(18 U.S.C. § 1345 – Injunctive Relief)

- 77. The United States realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 76 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 78. By reason of the conduct described herein, Defendants violated, are violating, and are about to violate 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 and 1349 by executing a scheme or artifice to defraud for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent representations with the intent to defraud, and, in so doing, use the U.S. mail.
- 79. Upon a showing that Defendants are committing or about to commit mail fraud, the United States is entitled, under 18 U.S.C. § 1345, to a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction, and a permanent injunction restraining all future fraudulent conduct and any other action that this Court deems just in order to prevent a continuing and substantial injury to the victims of fraud.
- 80. As a result of the foregoing, Defendants' conduct should be enjoined pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff United States of America requests of the Court the following relief:

- A. That the Court issue an order, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345, pending a hearing and determination on the United States' application for a preliminary injunction, that Defendants, their agents, officers and employees, and all other persons and entities in active concert or participation with them are temporarily restrained from:
  - i. committing mail fraud, as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 1341;

- ii. using the United States mail, or causing others to use the United States mail, to distribute any advertisements, solicitations, or promotional materials:
  - (a) that represent, directly or indirectly, expressly or impliedly that the recipient has won, will win, or will receive cash, awards, or other valuable prizes;
  - (b) that represent, directly or indirectly, expressly or impliedly that the recipient will receive delivery of cash, awards, or other valuable prizes in return for payment of a fee;
  - (c) that represent, directly or indirectly, expressly or impliedly, that the recipient will receive delivery of a specific item in return for payment of a fee, and state in fine print or in disclaimers that the recipient will or may receive delivery of a different item;
  - (d) that offer for sale information regarding sweepstakes or lotteries;
  - (e) that represent, directly or indirectly, expressly or impliedly, that the recipient of the solicitation was specifically selected to receive the mailing based on a reason other than the fact that the recipient's name appears on a mailing list; or
  - (f) that contain any other false or misleading representations;
- iii. receiving, handling, opening, or forwarding any mail that responds, by sending payment or otherwise, to materials described in Paragraph (ii)(a)-(f), *supra*;
- iv. selling, offering for sale, leasing, or offering for lease any lists of U.S. residents or mailing lists of any type compiled from U.S. residents who have responded to any of the materials described in Paragraph (ii)(a)-(f), *supra*;

- v. performing "caging services" on mail received from U.S. residents in response to any of the materials described in Paragraph (ii)(a)-(f), *supra*, including opening mail received from U.S. residents; entering or inputting data about U.S. residents into a database or forwarding such data; handling, forwarding, or depositing payments received from U.S. residents, including currency, bank checks, certified checks, money orders, or credit card charge authorizations; or handling or forwarding any mail received from U.S. residents;
- vi. destroying, deleting, removing, or transferring any and all business, financial, accounting, and other records concerning Defendants' operations and the operations of any other corporate entity owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by Defendants.
- B. That the Court further order, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345, that within 2 days from Defendants' receipt of this Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause, Defendants shall provide copies of this Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause to all direct mailers, list brokers, printer/distributors, mailing houses, and/or caging services with which they do business regarding the materials described in Paragraph (A)(ii)(a)-(f), *supra*, informing them that they are subject to the temporary restraining order as an entity in active concert or participation with Defendants, and within 7 days from Defendants' receipt of the Temporary Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause, Defendants shall provide proof of such notice to the Court and the United States, including the name and addresses of the entities and/or individuals to whom the notice was sent, how the notice was sent, and when the notice was sent.

- C. That the Court further order that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1345, the United States Postal Service is authorized to detain:
  - i. all of Defendants' mail, addressed to any foreign P.O. box, which is responsive to any of the materials described in Paragraph (A)(ii)(a)-(f), *supra*;
  - ii. any of the materials described in Paragraph (A)(ii)(a)-(e), *supra*, and any substantially similar advertisements, solicitations, and promotional materials that are deposited into the United States mail by Defendants, their agents, officers, or employees, or any other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them.
- D. That the Court issue a preliminary injunction on the same basis and to the same effect.
- E. That the Court issue a permanent injunction on the same basis and to the same effect.
- F. That the Court order such other and further relief as the Court shall deem just and proper.

Dated: May 31, 2017

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# EXHIBIT A to Complaint

## UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20260-2100

In the Matter of the Determination of Nonmailability of Certain Material from:	)	Date of Issuance: July 24, 2015
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PO Box 201	)	
CE Bunnik 3980	)	
The Netherlands	)	
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	)	Case Number:
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### **DETERMINATION OF NONMAILABILITY**

### **Evidence Presented**

As a consequence of border searches of inbound mail performed by Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service has been presented with evidence that you have caused the mailing of lottery related matter **and/or** facsimile checks addressed to persons located in the United States. A representative copy from the detained mail pieces is attached as **Exhibit A**.

### Mailability Determination

Based on this evidence, the Inspection Service makes the following determination:

- 1. The mailing constitutes matter, the mailing of which is punishable under the criminal postal anti-lottery statute, 18 U.S.C. § 1302; and/or
- 2. The financial instruments contained in the mailing constitute nonmailable "facsimile checks" as defined under subsection (k) of

- 39 U.S.C. § 3001 since they depict financial instruments that are not negotiable and do not contain the statutorily required language; and
- The mailing constitutes nonmailable matter under 39 U.S. C. § 3001;
   and
- 4. The mailing should be destroyed pursuant to subsection (b) of 39 U.S.C. § 3001.

Attachments One and Two contain a copy of the cited statutory provisions.

### **Appeal Rights**

Upon expiration of forty-five calendar days immediately following the date of issuance of this determination, the Inspection Service will order the destruction of the detained mail and any other identical mail received and detained after the issuance of this determination. The Destruction Order will not issue if, within that forty-five day period, either of the appeal options described below are exercised:

- 1. An officer of your organization contacts Deputy Counsel for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and arranges to claim the mail in person at the U.S. Postal Service facility where it is being held, personally appears there, and provides satisfactory proof of his or her identity and ownership of the mail; or
- The Recorder of the U.S. Postal Service's Judicial Officer Department receives your appeal, filed in accordance with the prescribed rules of practice (Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 953).
   Attachment Three contains a copy of these rules.

GUY J. COTTRELL Chief Postal Inspector

S. L. Spector Chief Counsel

By: P. A. Edgehille

Postal Inspector Attorney
U.S. Postal Inspection Service

475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3100

Washington, DC 20260-3100

202-268-4774

**EXHIBIT A** 

## \$71,868.00 CASH GUARANTEED WINNERS PAYOUT

FAILURE TO RESPOND BEFORE THE DEADLINE WILL FORFEIT CASH CLAIM OR ENTITLEMENT

### DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING

YOU ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE A CASH ENTITLEMENT OF NO LESS THAN \$71,868.00 OR AWARD DELIVERY AT THE ADDRESS RECORDED.

GUARANTEED RECIPIENT

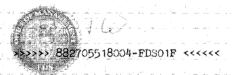
CASH PAYOUT AMOUNT:

\*\*\* \$71,868.00 \*\*\*

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This is non-transferable, and is intended for addressee only

DATE 5/26/2015 MESSAGE BEGINS

, THESE OFFICIAL FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS THAT YOU NOW HOLD REQUIRE YOUR FULL AND IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

You are GUARANTEED to receive a cash entitlement of no less than \$71,868.00 or award delivery. as soon as I receive your Form below with acceptance and nominal fee of \$20.00, your item will be expedited to you.

Your claim must be received before the deadline date. The Cash or award is yours, and will be sent to you as soon as you respond!

it is my pleasure to confirm this excellent news! I personally guarantee to ensure secure and speedy delivery to you at

REMEMBER YOU ARE A GUARANTEED WINNER! You absolutely cannot receive a PAYMENT in the amount of \$71,868.00 unless you complete and post the form below IMMEDIATELY. If you do not respond, your status will be forfeited.

Congratulations,

DROWNER CLARICETTE

Issued in Compliance with Official Directive

Date 0f Issue: 5/26/2015 Designated: FDS01F



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TO RECEIVED YOUR GUARANTEED CASH/AWARD:

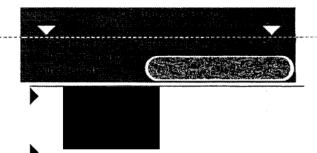
Enclosed is required processing/delivery fee of \$20.00 for compliance requirements to receive Guaranteed Cash/Award.

My payment is by Cash Check or Money Order payable to FDS or VISA MasterCard Credit Card Number: Expiration Date: /

MY SIGNATURE ATTESTS TO MY ACTING WITHIN 9 DAYS OF RECEIVING MY NOTICE

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AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF

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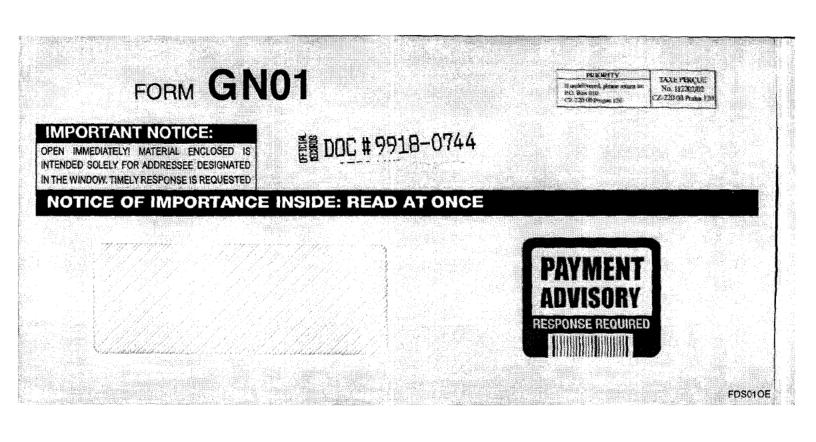
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## TITLE 18. CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE PART I. CRIMES CHAPTER 61. LOTTERIES

### 18 USCS §1302

§1302. Mailing lottery tickets or related matter

Whoever knowingly deposits in the mail, or sends or delivers by mail:

Any letter, package, postal card, or circular concerning any lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance;

Any lottery ticket or part thereof, or paper, certificate, or instrument purporting to be or to represent a ticket, chance, share, or interest in or dependent upon the event of a lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance;

Any check, draft, bill, money, postal note, or money order, for the purchase of any ticket or part thereof, or of any share or chance in any such lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme;

Any newspaper, circular, pamphlet, or publication of any kind containing any advertisement of any lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme of any kind offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance, or containing any list of the prizes drawn or awarded by means of any such lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme, whether said list contains any part or all of such prizes;

Any article described in section 1953 of this title [18 USCS §1953]—

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than two years, or both; and for any subsequent offense shall be imprisoned not more than five years.

### TITLE 39. POSTAL SERVICE PART IV. MAIL MATTER CHAPTER 30. NONMAILABLE MATTER

### 39 USCS §3001

### §3001. Nonmailable matter

- (a) Matter of deposit of which in the mails is punishable under section 1302, 1341, 1342, 1461, 1463, 1715, 1716, 1717, or 1738 of title 18, or section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act [7 USCS § 2156] is nonmailable.
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, nonmailable matter which reaches the office of delivery, or which may be seized or detained for violation of law, shall be disposed of as the Postal Service shall direct.
- (c) (1) Matter which-
  - (A) exceeds the size and weight limits prescribed for the particular class of mail; or
  - (B) is of a character perishable within the period required for transportation and delivery; is nonmailable.
- (2) Matter made nonmailable by this subsection which reaches the office of destination may be delivered in accordance with its address, if the party addressed furnishes the name and address of the sender.
- (d) Matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which-
- (1) is in the form of, and reasonably could be interpreted or construed as, a bill, invoice, or statement of account due: but
- (2) constitutes, in fact, a solicitation for the order by the addressee of goods or services, or both; is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs, unless such matter bears on its face, in conspicuous and legible type in contrast by typography, layout, or color with other printing on its face, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe—
- (A) the following notice: "This is a solicitation for the order of goods or services, or both, and not a bill, invoice, or statement of account due. You are under no obligation to make any payments on account of this offer unless you accept this offer."; or
  - (B) in lieu thereof, a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe.
- (e) (1) Any matter which is unsolicited by the addressee and which is designed, adapted, or intended for preventing conception (except unsolicited samples thereof mailed to a manufacturer thereof, a dealer therein, a licensed physician or surgeon, or a nurse, pharmacist, druggist, hospital, or clinic) is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs.
- (2) Any unsolicited advertisement of matter which is designed, adapted, or intended for preventing conception is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs unless the advertisement—
- (A) is mailed to a manufacturer of such matter, a dealer therein, a licensed physician or surgeon, or a nurse, pharmacist, druggist, hospital, or clinic; or
- (B) accompanies in the same parcel any unsolicited sample excepted by paragraph (1) of this subsection. An advertisement shall not be deemed to be unsolicited for the purposes of this paragraph if it is contained in a publication for which the addressee has paid or promised to pay a consideration or which he has otherwise indicated he desires to receive.
- (f) Any matter which is unsolicited by the addressee, which contains a "household substance" (as defined by section 2 of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 [15 USCS § 1471]), and which does not comply with the requirements for special child-resistant packaging established for that substance by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs.
- (g) (1) Matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which contains or includes a fragrance advertising sample is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs, unless the sample is sealed, wrapped, treated, or otherwise prepared in a manner reasonably designed to prevent individuals from being unknowingly or involuntarily exposed to the sample.

- (2) The Postal Service shall by regulation establish the standards or requirements which a fragrance advertising sample must satisfy in order for the mail matter involved not to be considered nonmailable under this subsection.
- (h) Matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which constitutes a solicitation by a nongovernmental entity for the purchase of or payment for a product or service; and which reasonably could be interpreted or construed as implying any Federal Government connection, approval, or endorsement through the use of a seal, insignia, reference to the Postmaster General, citation to a Federal statute, name of a Federal agency, department, commission, or program, trade or brand name, or any other term or symbol; or contains any reference to the Postmaster General or a citation to a Federal statute that misrepresents either the identity of the mailer or the protection or status afforded such matter by the Federal Government is nonmailable matter and shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs, unless—
  - (1) such nongovernmental entity has such expressed connection, approval or endorsement;
- (2) (A) such matter bears on its face, in conspicuous and legible type in contrast by typography, layout, or color with other printing on its face, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe, the following notice: "THIS PRODUCT OR SERVICE HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR ENDORSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THIS OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE BY AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.", or a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe:
- (B) the envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which such matter is mailed bears on its face in capital letters and in conspicuous and legible type, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe, the following notice: "THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT.", or a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe; and
- (C) such matter does not contain a false representation stating or implying that Federal Government benefits or services will be affected by any purchase or nonpurchase; or
- (3) such matter is contained in a publication for which the addressee has paid or promised to pay a consideration or which he has otherwise indicated he desires to receive, except that this paragraph shall not apply if the solicitation is on behalf of the publisher of the publication.
- (i) Matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which constitutes a solicitation by a nongovernmental entity for information or the contribution of funds or membership fees and which reasonably could be interpreted or construed as implying any Federal Government connection, approval, or endorsement through the use of a seal, insignia, reference to the Postmaster General, citation to a Federal statute, name of a Federal agency, department, commission, or program, trade or brand name, or any other term or symbol; or contains any reference to the Postmaster General or a citation to a Federal statute that misrepresents either the identity of the mailer or the protection or status afforded such matter by the Federal Government is nonmailable matter and shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs, unless—
  - (1) such nongovernmental entity has such expressed connection, approval or endorsement;
- (2) (A) such matter bears on its face, in conspicuous and legible type in contrast by typography, layout, or color with other printing on its face, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe, the following notice: "THIS ORGANIZATION HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR ENDORSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THIS OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE BY AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.", or a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe;
- (B) the envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which such matter is mailed bears on its face in capital letters and in conspicuous and legible type, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe, the following notice: "THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT.", or a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe; and
- (C) such matter does not contain a false representation stating or implying that Federal Government benefits or services will be affected by any contribution or noncontribution; or
- (3) such matter is contained in a publication for which the addressee has paid or promised to pay a consideration or which he has otherwise indicated he desires to receive, except that this paragraph shall not apply if the solicitation is on behalf of the publisher of the publication.
- (j) (1) Any matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which is described in paragraph (2) is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs.
  - (2) Matter described in this paragraph is any matter that-
    - (A) constitutes a solicitation for the purchase of or payment for any product or service that—
      - (i) is provided by the Federal Government; and
      - (ii) may be obtained without cost from the Federal Government; and
- (B) does not contain a clear and conspicuous statement giving notice of the information set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A).
- (k) (1) In this subsection-
- (A) the term "clearly and conspicuously displayed" means presented in a manner that is readily noticeable, readable, and understandable to the group to whom the applicable matter is disseminated;

- (B) the term "facsimile check" means any matter that-
  - (i) is designed to resemble a check or other negotiable instrument; but
  - (ii) is not negotiable;
- (C) the term "skill contest" means a puzzle, game, competition, or other contest in which-
  - (i) a prize is awarded or offered;
  - (ii) the outcome depends predominately on the skill of the contestant; and
- (iii) a purchase, payment, or donation is required or implied to be required to enter the contest; and
- (D) the term "sweepstakes" means a game of chance for which no consideration is required to enter.
- (2) Except as provided in paragraph (4), any matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which is described in paragraph (3) is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs.
  - (3) Matter described in this paragraph is any matter that-
    - (A) (i) includes entry materials for a sweepstakes or a promotion that purports to be a sweepstakes; and
- (ii) (I) does not contain a statement that discloses in the mailing, in the rules, and on the order or entry form, that no purchase is necessary to enter such sweepstakes;
- (II) does not contain a statement that discloses in the mailing, in the rules, and on the order or entry form, that a purchase will not improve an individual's chances of winning with such entry;
- (III) does not state all terms and conditions of the sweepstakes promotion, including the rules and entry procedures for the sweepstakes;
- (IV) does not disclose the sponsor or mailer of such matter and the principal place of business or an address at which the sponsor or mailer may be contacted;
  - (V) does not contain sweepstakes rules that state-
    - (aa) the estimated odds of winning each prize;
    - (bb) the quantity, estimated retail value, and nature of each prize; and
    - (cc) the schedule of any payments made over time;
- (VI) represents that individuals not purchasing products or services may be disqualified from receiving future sweepstakes mailings;
- (VII) requires that a sweepstakes entry be accompanied by an order or payment for a product or service previously ordered;
  - (VIII) represents that an individual is a winner of a prize unless that individual has won such prize; or
- (IX) contains a representation that contradicts, or is inconsistent with sweepstakes rules or any other disclosure required to be made under this subsection, including any statement qualifying, limiting, or explaining the rules or disclosures in a manner inconsistent with such rules or disclosures;
  - (B) (i) includes entry materials for a skill contest or a promotion that purports to be a skill contest; and
- (ii) (I) does not state all terms and conditions of the skill contest, including the rules and entry procedures for the skill contest;
- (II) does not disclose the sponsor or mailer of the skill contest and the principal place of business or an address at which the sponsor or mailer may be contacted; or
  - (III) does not contain skill contest rules that state, as applicable-
    - (aa) the number of rounds or levels of the contest and the cost to enter each round or level;
    - (bb) that subsequent rounds or levels will be more difficult to solve;
    - (cc) the maximum cost to enter all rounds or levels;
- (dd) the estimated number or percentage of entrants who may correctly solve the skill contest or the approximate number or percentage of entrants correctly solving the past 3 skill contests conducted by the sponsor;
- (ee) the identity or description of the qualifications of the judges if the contest is judged by other than the sponsor;
  - (ff) the method used in judging;
- (gg) the date by which the winner or winners will be determined and the date or process by which prizes will be awarded;
  - (hh) the quantity, estimated retail value, and nature of each prize; and
  - (ii) the schedule of any payments made over time; or
- (C) includes any facsimile check that does not contain a statement on the check itself that such check is not a negotiable instrument and has no cash value.
- (4) Matter that appears in a magazine, newspaper, or other periodical shall be exempt from paragraph (2) if such matter—
  - (A) is not directed to a named individual; or
  - (B) does not include an opportunity to make a payment or order a product or service.
- (5) Any statement, notice, or disclaimer required under paragraph (3) shall be clearly and conspicuously displayed. Any statement, notice, or disclaimer required under subclause (I) or (II) of paragraph (3)(A)(ii) shall be displayed more conspicuously than would otherwise be required under the preceding sentence.
- (6) In the enforcement of paragraph (3), the Postal Service shall consider all of the materials included in the mailing and the material and language on and visible through the envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which those materials are mailed.

- (I) (1) Any person who uses the mails for any matter to which subsection (h), (i), (j), or (k) applies shall adopt reasonable practices and procedures to prevent the mailing of such matter to any person who, personally or through a conservator, guardian, or individual with power of attorney—
- (A) submits to the mailer of such matter a written request that such matter should not be mailed to such person; or
- (B) (i) submits such a written request to the attorney general of the appropriate State (or any State government officer who transmits the request to that attorney general); and
  - (ii) that attorney general transmits such request to the mailer.
- (2) Any person who mails matter to which subsection (h), (i), (j), or (k) applies shall maintain or cause to be maintained a record of all requests made under paragraph (1). The records shall be maintained in a form to permit the suppression of an applicable name at the applicable address for a 5-year period beginning on the date the written request under paragraph (1) is submitted to the mailer.
- (m) Except as otherwise provided by law, proceedings concerning the mailability of matter under this chapter [39 USCS §§ 3001 et seq.] and chapters 71 and 83 of title 18 [18 USCS §§ 1461 et seq. and 1691 et seq.] shall be conducted in accordance with chapters 5 and 7 of title 5 [5 USCS §§ 501 et seq. and 701 et seq.].
- (n) (1) Except as otherwise authorized by law or regulations of the Postal Service, hazardous material is nonmailable.
- (2) In this subsection, the term "hazardous material" means a substance or material designated by the Secretary of Transportation under section 5103(a) of title 49.
- (o) The district courts, together with the District Court of the Virgin Islands and the District Court of Guam, shall have jurisdiction, upon cause shown, to enjoin violations of section 1716 of title 18.

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### TITLE 39--POSTAL SERVICE

#### CHAPTER I—UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

# PART 953 RULES OF PRACTICE IN PROCEEDINGS RELATIVE TO MAILABILITY

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Authority: 39 U.S.C. 204, 401.

Source: 59 FR 31538, June 20, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

Sec. 953.1 Authority for rules.

These rules of practice are issued by the Judicial Officer of the U.S. Postal Service pursuant to authority delegated by the Postmaster General.

Sec. 953.2 Initiation.

Mailability proceedings are initiated upon the filing of a written appeal with the Recorder, Judicial Officer Department, U.S. Postal Service, 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201-3078.

[63 FR 66050, Dec. 1, 1998]

Sec. 953.3 Appeal.

The appeal shall:

(a) Identify the appellant;

- (b) Describe or be accompanied by a copy of the determination or ruling being appealed;
- (c) Describe the character or content of the matter the appellant wishes to have carried and delivered by the U.S. Postal Service;
- (d) Request review of the determination or rules specifying each and every reason why the appellant believes the determination or ruling should be reversed;
- (e) Indicate whether the appellant desires to have an oral hearing or, instead, to have the case decided solely on the basis of the written record (i.e., the appeal, the General counsel's reply, and any documents submitted by the parties pursuant to an order of the presiding officer); and
- (f) Bear the signature, typed or printed name, title, business address, and telephone number of any attorney at law representing the appellant in bringing the appeal, and of each individual appellant or, if the appellant is a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or unincorporated association, of the managing partner, chief executive officer, chief operating officer, or other officer authorized to bind the organization.
- Sec. 953.4 Service of notice; Reply; Motion for summary judgment.
- (a) Service of notice. (1) Upon receiving the appeal, the Recorder shall issue a notice specifying that the Postal Service General Counsel's reply shall be filed within 15 days of receipt of the notice; and the time and place of the hearing (if one was requested).
  - (2) The Recorder shall promptly serve this notice on the parties as follows:
- (i) The notice, with a copy of the appeal, shall be sent to the General Counsel at Postal Service headquarters.
- (ii) When the appellant's address is within the United States, the notice, with a copy of the appeal, shall be sent to the postmaster at the office that delivers mail to the appellant's address. The postmaster shall be instructed that, acting personally or through a supervisory employee or a postal inspector, he or she is to serve these documents on the appellant. If the appellant cannot be found within 3 days, the postmaster shall send these documents

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to the appellant by ordinary mail and forward a statement to the Recorder that is signed by the delivering employee and that specifies the time and place of delivery.

- (iii) When the appellant's address is outside the United States, the notice, with a copy of the appeal, shall be sent to the appellant by registered airmail, return receipt requested. A written statement by the Recorder, noting the time and place of mailing, shall be accepted as proof of service in the event a signed and dated return receipt is not received.
- (b) Reply. The General Counsel shall file a written reply, in triplicate, with the Recorder, within the aforementioned 15-day period or any extension granted by the presiding officer for good cause shown. If the General Counsel's reply fails to address any allegation in the appeal, that allegation shall be deemed admitted.
- (c) Motion for summary judgment. Upon motion of either the General Counsel or the appellant, or on the presiding officer's own initiative, the presiding officer may find that the appeal and answer present no genuine and material issues of fact requiring an evidentiary hearing, and thereupon may render an initial decision upholding or reversing the determination or ruling. The initial decision shall become the final Agency decision if a timely appeal is not taken.

#### Sec. 953.5 Hearings.

- (a) In general, admissibility of evidence at hearings conducted under this part hinges on relevancy and materiality. However, relevant evidence may be excluded if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, or by considerations of undue delay, or by needless presentation of cumulative evidence. Testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation, and witnesses are subject to cross-examination. Stipulations of fact are encouraged and may be received in evidence.
- (b) Objections to the admission or exclusion of evidence shall be in short form, stating the grounds of objections relied upon. The transcript shall not include argument or debate thereon except as ordered by the presiding officer. Rulings on such objections shall be a part of the transcript.

(c) Formal exceptions to the rulings of the presiding officer made during the course of the hearing are unnecessary. For all purposes for which an exception otherwise would be taken, it is sufficient that a party, when the ruling of the presiding officer is made or sought, makes known the action he desires the presiding officer to take or his objection to an action taken, and his grounds therefor.

Sec. 953.6 Compromise and informal dispositions.

Either party may request the other to consider informal disposition of any question of mailability, and the scheduled hearing date may be postponed by the presiding officer for such period of time as may be necessary to accommodate settlement discussions between the parties.

Sec. 953.7 Default; Appearances.

If a timely reply to the appeal is not filed, the presiding officer shall refer the appeal to the Judicial Officer, who may find that the General Counsel is in default. Whenever the General Counsel has been deemed to be in default, the Judicial Officer shall take whatever action on the appeal he deems appropriate. If an oral evidentiary hearing is to be held, the appellant may appear at the hearing in person or by counsel. If either party fails to appear at the hearing, the presiding officer shall receive the evidence of the party appearing and render a decision.

Sec. 953.8 Location of hearing.

Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, the hearing shall be held at 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201-3078, on the date set in the notice.

[63 FR 66050, Dec. 1, 1998]

Sec. 953.9 Change of place of hearing.

(a) Not later than the date fixed for the filing of the reply, a party may file a motion that the scheduled hearing be held at a place other than that designated in the notice. The motion shall include a supporting statement outlining:

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- (1) The evidence to be offered in such place;
- (2) The names and addresses of the witnesses who will testify; and
- (3) The reasons why such evidence cannot be presented in Arlington, VA.
- (b) In ruling on the motion, the presiding officer shall consider the convenience and necessity of the parties and the relevancy of the evidence to be offered.

[59 FR 31538, June 20, 1994, as amended at 63 FR 66050, Dec. 1, 1998]

Sec. 953.10 Presiding officers.

The presiding officer at any hearing shall be an Administrative Law Judge qualified in accordance with law (5 U.S.C. 3105) and assigned by the Judicial Officer (39 U.S.C. 204), or the Judicial Officer, may at his discretion, elect to preside at the reception of evidence. The Judicial Officer shall assign cases to Administrative Law Judges upon rotation if practicable.

Sec. 953.11 Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be submitted orally or in writing at the conclusion of the hearing, or otherwise, as ordered by the presiding officer.

Sec. 953.12 Initial decision.

Unless given orally at the conclusion of the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge shall render an initial decision as expeditiously as practicable after the conclusion of the hearing and the receipt of the proposed findings and conclusions, if any. The initial decision shall become the decision of the Postal Service if an appeal is not perfected. When the Judicial Officer presides at the hearing, his powers shall include those of an Administrative Law Judge, but the Judicial Officer may render either an initial or final decision. Exceptions may be filed to an initial decision rendered by the Judicial Officer in accordance with Sec. 953.13.

Sec. 953.13 Appeal from initial decision.

Either party may file exceptions in a brief on appeal to the Judicial Officer within 5 days after receipt of the initial decision unless additional time is granted. A reply brief may be filed within 5 days after the receipt of the appeal brief by the opposing party.

Sec. 953.14 Final Agency decision.

The Judicial Officer shall render a final Agency decision. The decision shall be served upon the parties and the postal official having custody of any mail detained pursuant to the determination or ruling.

Sec. 953.15 Expedition.

For the purpose of further expedition, either party may move to have the hearing held at an earlier date than that specified in the notice. Either party may also move to have the initial decision (if an Administrative Law Judge or the Judicial Officer is presiding) or the final Agency decision (if the Judicial Officer is presiding) rendered orally at the conclusion of the hearing. The presiding officer may grant or deny any such motion. The parties may, with the concurrence of the Judicial Officer, agree to waive any of the procedures established in these rules.

Sec. 953.16 Disposition.

Mail matter found to be nonmailable shall be held at the post office where detained for a period of 15 days from the date of the Postal Service decision, unless that period is extended by the Judicial Officer. During this holding period, the appellant may apply for the withdrawal of the matter. If any such application is made, the General Counsel shall be given notice and the opportunity to oppose the application. Upon the expiration of the holding period with no application having been made, the Judicial Officer shall order that the matter be disposed of in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3001(b). If a timely application is made, the Judicial Officer shall consider the application and any reasons advanced by the General Counsel for denying the application. The Judicial Officer shall thereafter order either that the matter be returned to the applicant or that it be disposed of in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3001(b).

Sec. 953.17 Ex parte communications.

The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 551(14), 556(d), and 557(d) prohibiting ex parte communications are made applicable

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to proceedings under these rules of practice.

# EXHIBIT B to Complaint

# UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20260-2100

	f the Determination of of Certain Material from:	) Date of Issuance: ) July 1, 2013 )
PO Box 22 Netherlands	3984 ZG Odijk	) ) ) )
		) Case Number: ) 13-SFC-0328

# **DETERMINATION OF NONMAILABILITY**

# **Evidence Presented**

As a consequence of border searches of inbound mail performed by Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service has been presented with evidence that you have caused the mailing of lottery related matter **and/or** facsimile checks addressed to persons located in the United States. A representative copy from the detained mail pieces is attached as **Exhibit A**.

# Mailability Determination

Based on this evidence, the Inspection Service makes the following determination:

- 1. The mailing constitutes matter, the mailing of which is punishable under the criminal postal anti-lottery statute, 18 U.S.C. § 1302; and/or
- 2. The financial instruments contained in the mailing constitute nonmailable "facsimile checks" as defined under subsection (k) of

GUY J. COTTRELL Chief Postal Inspector

S. L. Spector Chief Counsel

By:

David J. Leonhardt Postal Inspector Attorney U.S. Postal Inspection Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3100 Washington, DC 20260-3100 202-268-4774 **EXHIBIT A** 

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OFFICIAL RECORDS

IN THE WINDOW. TIMELY RESPONSE IS REQUESTED. OPEN IMMEDIATELY! MATERIAL ENCLOSED IS INTENDED SOLELY FOR ADDRESSEE DESIGNATED

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# EXHIBIT C to Complaint

# UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20260-2100

In the Matter of the Determination of Nonmailability of Certain Material from:	) Date of Issuance: ) March 25, 2016 )
PO Box 201	
Bunnik CE 3980 The Netherlands	)
	) Case Number: ) [1666] 16-JFK-0496 )
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# **DETERMINATION OF NONMAILABILITY**

# Evidence Presented

As a consequence of border searches of inbound mail performed by Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service has been presented with evidence that you have caused the mailing of lottery related matter **and/or** facsimile checks addressed to persons located in the United States. A representative copy from the detained mail pieces is attached as **Exhibit A**.

# **Mailability Determination**

Based on this evidence, the Inspection Service makes the following determination:

- 1. The mailing constitutes matter, the mailing of which is punishable under the criminal postal anti-lottery statute, 18 U.S.C. § 1302; and/or
- 2. The financial instruments contained in the mailing constitute nonmailable "facsimile checks" as defined under subsection (k) of

- 39 U.S.C. § 3001 since they depict financial instruments that are not negotiable and do not contain the statutorily required language; and
- The mailing constitutes nonmailable matter under 39 U.S. C. § 3001;
- 4. The mailing should be destroyed pursuant to subsection (b) of 39 U.S.C. § 3001.

Attachments One and Two contain a copy of the cited statutory provisions.

# Appeal Rights

Upon expiration of forty-five calendar days immediately following the date of issuance of this determination, the Inspection Service will order the destruction of the detained mail and any other identical mail received and detained after the issuance of this determination. The Destruction Order will not issue if, within that forty-five day period, either of the appeal options described below are exercised:

- 1. An officer of your organization contacts Deputy Counsel for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and arranges to claim the mail in person at the U.S. Postal Service facility where it is being held, personally appears there, and provides satisfactory proof of his or her identity and ownership of the mail; or
- The Recorder of the U.S. Postal Service's Judicial Officer Department receives your appeal, filed in accordance with the prescribed rules of practice (Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 953).
   Attachment Three contains a copy of these rules.

GUY J. COTTRELL Chief Postal Inspector

S. L. Spector Chief Counsel

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By: Patricia A. Edgehille
Postal Inspector Attorney
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3100
Washington, DC 20260-3100
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# **EXHIBIT A**

# \$71,868.00 CASH GUARANTEED WINNERS PAYOUT

FAILURE TO RESPOND BEFORE THE DEADLINE WILL FORFEIT CASH CLAIM OR ENTITLEMENT

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CHAQUE PERSONNE QUI RETOURNE LA CONTRIBUTION DEMANDÉE ACHÈTERA ET SERA ASSURÉE DE RECEVOIR L'UN DES ARTICLES MENTIONNÉS. CETTE OFFRE DE MARCHANDISES EST RESERVÉE AUX CITOYENS ÁGÉS DE 18 ANS OU PLUS. CHAQUE ENVOI DE COURRIER REÇOIT UN NUMÉRO DE DÉSIGNATION DE BIEN DIFFÉRENT QUI CORRESPOND À UN ARTICLE SPÉCIFIQUE ROPOPOSÉ À LA VENTE. L'ARTICLE QUE CHAQUE BÉNÉFICIAIRE EST EN DROIT D'ACQUÉRIR A ÉTÉ DÉTERMINÉ AVANT CHAQUE ENVOI DE COURRIER SUR LA BASE DE CRITÉRIES SPÉCIFIQUES. CES ARTICLES ME SONT NI DES PRIX NI DES CADEAUX, ET CECI EST UNE OFFRE DE MARCHANDISE, PAS UNE LOTERIE, UN TIRAGE AU SORT OU UN CONCOURS. LES ARTICLES MENTIONNÉS DANS CETTE OFFRE COMPRENNENT UNE 78 868,00 e, UN REFRIGERATEUR AMANA 700 LET ENVIRON TROIS MILLIONS D'ARTICLES DE BUDU TERIE AUTHENTIQUES OR ET DIAMONT. TOUTES LES TAXES SONT LA RESPONSABILITÉ DU BÉNÉFICIAIRE. LE PROMOTEUR SE RESERVE LE DROIT DE REMPLACER LATHENTIQUES OR ET DIAMONT. TOUTES LES TAXES SONT LA RESPONSABILITÉ DU D'ÉNÉFICIAIRE. LE PROMOTEUR SE RESERVE LE DROIT DE REMPLACER LES ARTICLES MENTIONNÉS PAR LE MONTANTÉ QUIVALENT EN ES PÉCES CORRESPONDANT À LEUR VALEUR. LES ARTICLES NON VENDUS NE SERONT PAS DISTRIBUÉS. DIFFÉRENTES PRÉSENTATIONS DE CETTE OFFRE ADOPTANT LA MÊME STRUCTURE PEUVENT ÉTRE PRÉSENTÉES. LES CONDITIONS DÉFINIES DANS CETTE OFFRE SERONT STRICTEMENT APPLIQUÉES. NOUS DÉCLINONS TOUTE RESPONSABILITÉ EN CAS DE PETRE, DE RETARD, D'ERREUR DE LIVRAISON DE COURRIER OU D'ERREURS D'IMPRESSION. NUL ET NON AVENU LORSQUE LA LOI L'INTERDIT. NOUS METTONS OCCASIONNELLEMENT NOTRE LISTE DE DISTRIBUTION POUR DÉTERMINER, AVANT LE PAIEMENT, QUEL ARTICLE PRÉDÉTERMINÉ VOUS ÉTES EN DROIT D'ACQUÉRIR, ENVOYEZ VOTRE NOM, VOTRE ADRESSE ET LE NUMÉRO DE DÉSIGNATION DU BIEN DANS L'ENVELOPPÉ FOURNIE. À LA DISPOSITION DE SOCIÉTÉS ET D'ORGANISATIONS RENOMMÉES DON'T LES PRODUITS PEUVENT PRÉSENTER UN INTÉRÊT POUR VOUS. SI VOUS NE PAS SATISFAIT AVEC NOTRE SERVICE ÉCRIVEZ À VOUS PENDANT ÉCRITÉE DANS L'ENVELOPPE FOURNIE.

必要な保証料を返送された方は、下記の商品をご購入いただくこととなり、そのお届けが保証されています。ご購入いただき、弊社がお届けすることになっている商品を料金お支払い面にお知りになりたい場合は、お客様の氏名、住所、およびプロパティー10番号を一に所定の対路にてお述り ください。この商品オファーは、20 歳以上の方に対して有効です。すべての頭送通知には、それぞれ異なるプロプティー10番号を一に所定の対路にてお述り ください。この商品オファーは、20 歳以上の方に対して有効です。すべての頭送通知には、それぞれ異なるプロプティ 10番号が贈りざられており、起質い、上げいただける所品に対応に対応にています。ご購入いただける所品は、所定の条件により、この通知を発送する前にそれぞれ決められています。これらの商品は質品や贈品ではありません。また課賞くじ、またはロンテストなどでもなく、商品をご購入いただくようご提供するものです。このオファーでは、Y7.868,000 1 台 AMANA 25 立方フィート冷 歳順日 台、および金とダイアモンドのジュエリー約300 万点といった自動車およびその他の品々をご用意じております。すべての優なは、受取人にお支払いただきます。スポンサーは、上記の商品を同 等価値の現金に送し替える機能を行するものとします。未販売商品に位送されません。このオファーが明一組織により異なる形態で提供される場合もありま す。このオファーに記載されている条件は、厳密に執行されます。郷送物の刊失、遅延、誤配、または 印刷上のミスについては、「母音任を食いません。法律に より禁止されている地域では無効です。弊社のメーリングリストは、お客様がて興味を示されると考えられる商品やサービスを提供する、厳選した企業や組織 に関示されることがよります。氏名を開示しないように希望されるよを様は、弊社まで書面で所定の封筒にてお送りください。弊社のサービスにご謁足いただけない場合し、60日以内に書面にてご連絡いただきますと全額返金いたします。

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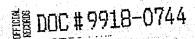
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Prioritaire if undesverable, please return to PO. Box 7603 3109AA SCHEDAM

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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

OPEN IMMEDIATELY! MATERIAL ENCLOSED IS INTENDED SOLELY FOR ADDRESSEE DESIGNATED IN THE WINDOW. TIMELY RESPONSE IS REQUESTED



NOTICE OF IMPORTANCE INSIDE: READ AT ONCE



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# EXHIBIT D to Complaint



INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNED PROCESSING Award Documentation

**DNF JQ-3 FORM** Issued 2016 Completion Dept.

DNF ASSIGNED PROCESSORS COMPLETION OFFICE FUNDS /FIDUCIARY DISTRIBUTION NOTICE

NOW IN EFFECT

INDIVIDUAL

PROCESSING

FILED REPORT TO RECEIVER >

PERSONAL I.D. REC. ACTUAL NOTICE

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**OUTGOING FUNDS** 

Recvr. I.D. №: 17005757612 DNF FUNDS OFFICE 2016

Funds Verified In Full

**PROCESSING** 



Ref. Date: 04/25/2016

- Mailed -

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**Notice Content:** 

CONFIRMED FUNDS \*\*\*\*\$3,722,945.34\*\*\* appear on report from Accounting Dept.for

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVER OF THIS OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

**ASSIGNED** 

notice mailed/delivered.

Status:

CONFIRMED/APPROVED

- FUNDS NOTICE ENACTM 04/25/2016

CONTENTS OF THIS ACTUAL AND REAL NOTICE IS OFFICIALLY IN DELIVERY TO THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED AND SHOWN UPON THIS FUNDS DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENT. 2016

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL CLAIMANT FORM and Signature Recording Document. You are Identified Receiver and all matters of issuance and delivery are being handled by our processing report offices. This is for the tendering of award documentation to the Individual here notified and assigned the receiver number showing On Record

PROCESSING OF RECEIVER

FILED

YOU ARE CONFIRMED RECEIVER

FILE I.D. 17005757612

You are the CONFIRMED RECEIVER HERE NOTIFIED of Funds being Distributed consisting of CASH/AWARD totalling \*\*\*\*\$3,722,945.34\*\*\*\* IN FULL - 100% VERIFIED FOR YOU-

THE DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE is reported and on-time for delivery to You have ensured this Notice reaches You for return of your Completion Form bel

This Official and Actual Notice mailed directly to You is 100% Accument a mistake. THIS IS REAL, the Award Monies Documentation is made-out to is 100% Accurate and is

The Distribution of THESE FUNDS is actually occurring and we need your reply promptly as proper-claim dates are in effect noted in claim prospectus.

We've made sure this Notification was mailed and delivered to you in the time-block scheduled for your completion.

We are in-charge of Filing Your Completion and Delivery and await

SIGNED / Reg.

Completing The FILE OF: NO: 17005757612

COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR CLAIMANT FORM BELOW

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# CLAIMANT ASSIGN-FORM

INDIVIDUAL PROCESSING: NOTICE OF FUNDS

ASSIGNED AND ISSUED:



\*\*\*\*\$3,722,945.34\*\*\*\* Recvr. I.D. №: 17005757612 RECEIVER FORM- ISSUANCE DOCUMENT VERIFIED / APPROVED

Award Notices Dir.

Three Million Seven Hundred Twenty Two and Nine Hundred Forty Five Thirtyfour --- AWARD FUNDS -- DISBURSEMENT

DNF FUNDS OFFICE

NAME OF RECEIVER Award Assets Verified Funds \*\*\*\*\*\$3,722,945.34\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Jonathan

-----Documentation Issued--

RECEIVER ON-FILE

I AM COMPLETING MY CLAIMANT ASSIGN FORM AND RETURNING AS DIRECTED.

I am residing at the address shown On Records for receipt of the Special Parcel carrying my Funds documents and enclosed is my \$25.00 for processing to my residence shown here and On-File; enclosing by my \_\_\_\_Cash \_\_Check \_\_Money Order made payable to 'DNF'

COMPLETE, SIGN & RETURN

OFFICIAL FORM

THIS IS RECEIVER. Verification Of Individual and Amount showing are approved and in processing

**经验证证证证** 

RECEIVER SIGNATURE

RECEIVER

SIGNED / Mgr.

APPEARS HERE:

GNF-02-DNF

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This company is a research and reporting service. We specialize in researching sweepstakes sponsored and conducted by third party corporations. This company has no association with the third party sponsors. We compile various sweepstakes opportunities in a newsletter which details all entry requirements, based on existing federal, state, and local regulations. All sweepstakes reported are free to enter, as based on the information supplied by the sponsors. This company is not a lottery, and does not offer lottery, contest or sweepstakes entries. This promotion may be under different creative presentation. Void where prohibited by law. For specific odds of winning, eligibility requirements, end dates and other terms and conditions in connection with a sweepstakes, you must refer to the specific rules for that third party sweepstakes. You do not need to purchase the Report to enter any sweepstakes. This company uses all due diligence to accurately report the entry details of each sweepstakes. Responders will be refunded their purchase price of our report in full if they are dissatisfied with the report. Refund claims must be made in writing by using the envelope enclosed within 60 days of purchase. If you do not wish to receive further mail solicitations from this company, simply return this entire letter using the envelope provided, with the letters "DNM" next to your name/address area.

For USA customers: By paying for your purchase with your check, you are accepting our check acceptance policy. In the unlikely event that your check is returned unpaid, you understand and agree that your check may be electronically represented and we will also collect a returned check processing charge as allowed by state law. If your check is electronically represented, it will not be provided to you with your bank statement, but a copy can be retrieved by contacting your financial institution.

Cette société est une société offrant des services de recherche et de rapports. Nous nous spécialisons dans la recherché de sweepstakes sponsorisés et organisés par des sociétés non liées avec notre entreprise. Nous compilons les opportunités de sweepstakes dans un bulletin d'information qui reprend toutes les exigences de participation sans achat, sur la base des réglementations existantes au niveau local, fédéral et de l'état. Vous n'avez gagné aucun prix ni aucune somme d'argent. Cette société décline toute responsabilité pour les candidatures réalisées ou tentées par les lecteurs de ces rapports. La participation à des sweepstakes étudiés et ayant fait l'objet d'un rapport est gratuite, sur la base des informations fournies par les sponsors. Cette société fait tout son possible pour reprendre avec précision les détails de participation de chaque sweepstakes. Cette société n'est pas une loterie et n'offre pas de candidatures à une loterie, un concours ou un sweepstakes. Cette promotion peut être réalisée sous une différente présentation créative. Nul ou interdit par la loi. Cette communication n'est pas un sweepstakes ou un avis de prix et ne garantit pas que vous allez gagner un sweepstakes. Pour les chances de gain spécifiques, les exigencies d'éligibilité, les dates de fin et autres conditions en rapport avec un sweepstakes, vous vous référer aux règles spécifiques pour ce sweepstakes tiers. Vous ne devez pas acheter le rapport pour participer à un devez sweepstakes. Les personnes qui répondent bénéficieront du remboursement de leur prix d'achat de notre rapport si elles ne sont pas satisfaites du rapport. Les demandes de remboursement doivent être réalisées par écrit à l'aide de l'enveloppe jointe dans les 60 jours de l'achat. Si vous ne souhaitez plus recevoir de sollicitations par courrier de cette société, renvoyez simplement ce courrier complet à l'aide de l'enveloppe fournie avec les lettre « DNM » en regard de vos coordonnées.

Diese Firma ist ein Forschungs- und Berichtsunternehmen. Wir sind darauf spezialisiert, Verlosungen, die von Firmenorganisationen gesponsert und durchgeführt werden mit denen diese Firma in keinem Zusammenhang steht, zu untersuchen. Wir stellen Verlosungsgelegenheiten in einem Newsletter zusammen, der alle Teilnahmebedingungen ohne Kaufzwang darlegt, basierend auf aktuell rechtskräftigen nationalen, lokalen und überregionalen Bestimmungen. Sie haben kein Geld und keinen Preis gewonnen. Dieses Unternehmen übernimmt keine Haftung für irgendwelche Teilnahmen die von Lesern seiner Berichte unternommen oder angestrebt werden. Die Teilnahme an allen erforschten und bekanntgemachten Verlosungen ist frei, entsprechend der Informationen die von den Sponsoren zur Verfügung gestellt werden. Dieses Unternehmen arbeitet mit der notwendigen Sorgfalt um über alle Teilnahmedetails jeder Verlosung korrekt zu berichten. Das Unternehmen ist keine Lotteriefirma und bietet keine Lotterien, Wettbewerbe oder Verlosungsteilnahmen an. Dieses Werbeangebot kann auch in abweichender kreativer Präsentation gemacht werden. Ungültig wo gesetzlich untersagt. Diese Kontaktnahme ist weder eine Verlosung noch eine Preisbenachrichtigung und stellt keine Garantie dar, dass Sie in irgendeiner Verlosung gewinnen werden. Für die jeweiligen Gewinnchancen, Teilnahmekriterien, Einsendefristen und andere allgemeine Geschäftsbedingungen im Zusammenhang mit einer Verlosung, beachten Sie bitte die jeweiligen Regeln der einzelnen Verlosungen durchgeführt von Dritten. Sie müssen den Bericht nicht kaufen um an irgendwelchen Verlosungen teilnehmen zu können. Wer antwortet, kann eine volle Rückerstattung des Kaufpreises unseres Berichtes fordern, wenn er/sie nicht voll zufrieden ist. Rückerstattungsforderungen müssen schriftlich innerhalb von 60 Tagen ab Kaufdatum mit dem beiliegenden Kuvert eingereicht werden. Sollten Sie keine weiteren Zusendungsangebote dieses Unternehmens wünschen, senden Sie bitte einfach dieses gesamte Schreiben mit dem beiliegenden Kuvert zurück und schreiben Sie die Buchstaben "DNM" neben Ihrem Namen / im Adressfeld.

当社では調査・報告業務を取り扱っており、当社とは関係がない会社組織がスポンサーし、実行するスイープステイクスの調査を専門としています。当社では、国・地方規制に準じて、応募の際に購入の義務がないスイープステイクスのチャンスをニュースレターにまとめています。お客様の賞金や商品の当選はまだ決定していません。当社は報告書の読者による応募への責任は負いかねます。スポンサーによる情報を元に、調査・報告のスイープステイクスの応募はすべて無料です。当社では各スイープステイクスの応募詳細に関する報告書の正確性に最善の注意を払っています。本件は宝くじではなく、当社は宝くじやコンテスト、スイープステイクスの応募を提供するものではありません。本プロモーションはさまざまなプレゼンテーションを使って行われます。本件は法律で禁止されている場所では無効になります。回答者が報告書にご満足いただけなかった場合は、報告書の購入金額を全額払い戻しさせていただきます。払戻請求は購入から60日以内に同封の返信用封 筒を使って書面にてご要求ください。当社の郵便による案内書をご希望されない場合は、同封の返信用封筒の名前/住所欄の隣に「DNMと明記の上、本書全部をご返送ください。本書はスイープステイクスや賞金の通知ではなく、スイープステイクスの当選を保証するものでもありません。スイープステイクスに関する当選確率や適性要件、最終日、取引条件については、第三者によるスイープステイクスの特定規制を必ずご照会くださ。スイープステイクスの応募には報告書を購入される必要はありません。

# EXHIBIT E to Complaint

# UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20260-2100

In the Matter of the Determination of Nonmailability of Certain Material from:	) Date of Issuance: ) July 24, 2015
MERCHANDISE PROCESSING CENTER at	)
PO Box 40374	,
AD Utrecht 3504	)
The Netherlands	)
	) Case Number: ) [1217] 15-JFK-0959
	)

# **DETERMINATION OF NONMAILABILITY**

# Evidence Presented

As a consequence of border searches of inbound mail performed by Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service has been presented with evidence that you have caused the mailing of lottery related matter **and/or** facsimile checks addressed to persons located in the United States. A representative copy from the detained mail pieces is attached as **Exhibit A**.

# **Mailability Determination**

Based on this evidence, the Inspection Service makes the following determination:

- 1. The mailing constitutes matter, the mailing of which is punishable under the criminal postal anti-lottery statute, 18 U.S.C. § 1302; and/or
- 2. The financial instruments contained in the mailing constitute nonmailable "facsimile checks" as defined under subsection (k) of

- 39 U.S.C. § 3001 since they depict financial instruments that are not negotiable and do not contain the statutorily required language; and
- 3. The mailing constitutes nonmailable matter under 39 U.S. C. § 3001; and
- 4. The mailing should be destroyed pursuant to subsection (b) of 39 U.S.C. § 3001.

**Attachments One** and **Two** contain a copy of the cited statutory provisions.

# **Appeal Rights**

Upon expiration of forty-five calendar days immediately following the date of issuance of this determination, the Inspection Service will order the destruction of the detained mail and any other identical mail received and detained after the issuance of this determination. The Destruction Order will not issue if, within that forty-five day period, either of the appeal options described below are exercised:

- 1. An officer of your organization contacts Deputy Counsel for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and arranges to claim the mail in person at the U.S. Postal Service facility where it is being held, personally appears there, and provides satisfactory proof of his or her identity and ownership of the mail; or
- The Recorder of the U.S. Postal Service's Judicial Officer Department receives your appeal, filed in accordance with the prescribed rules of practice (Title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 953).
   Attachment Three contains a copy of these rules.

GUY J. COTTRELL Chief Postal Inspector

S. L. Spector Chief Counsel

By: P. A. Edgehille

Postal Inspector Attorney U.S. Postal Inspection Service

475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 3100

Washington, DC 20260-3100

202-268-4774

# **EXHIBIT A**

# Exhibit 15-JFK-069-02

# NOTICE PRIOR TO DELIVERY ISSUED ENTITLEMENT/AUTOMOBILE

THESE ARE YOUR DELIVERY NUMBERS 

NOTICE TO OWNER: , please be advised of Your crated/package inside FREIGHT BIN #PDN5-15 is insured up to \$65,485.00, the valuables/goods are shipped to you on receipt of your attached ISSUANCE FORM.

Your shipment was confirmed on 5/8/2015, all delivery and storage fees have been paid by PDN. Your assigned Freight Bin contains 2015 AUDI A6 SEDAN retail value of \$65,485.00 as insured for this or other merchandise entitlement.

DUE TO HIGH VALUE OF THE 2015 AUDI A6 SEDAN, delivery is conducted adhereing to PDN arranged Transit requiring a Personal ID shown at point of delivery. In advance of Your Delivery complete and return your form.

FIRM TO DELIVER: Recipient of the 2015 AUDI A6 SEDAN is permitted to elect to receive cash equivalent of \$65,485.00 by Bank Check instead of physical possession of the Car. Please indicate your preference for this important decision. Your Assigned property must be claimed promptly. Return Your completed ISSUANCE FORM PDN5-15 with the only required owner/acquisition fee of \$20.00 within 10 days of receiving This Form, 2 days preferred. A Pleasure Bringing You this wonderful News!

Return

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Walter Downstown contact Carice

# SHIPMENT SCHEDULED TO THIS RECEIVER AND ADDRESS

SHIPMENT RECEIVER:

MAILED: 5/8/2015

2015

LENGTH Hood to Trunk

# IMPORTANT

ARRIVAL / PARKING SITE **DIMENSIONS>** Carefully Inspect Automobile parking dimensions. Check your available space on street, garage, or lot.



RETAIN THIS SECTION OF NOTIFICATION Delivery will follow upon receipt of the Issuance Form at right.

SHIPMENT TO ADDRESS SHOWN



NOTICE PRIOR TO DELIVERY ISSUED ENTITLEMENT/AUTOMOBILE.

THESE ARE YOUR DELIVERY NUMBERS

THIS MERCHANDISE IN THIS PROMOTION IS AVAILABLE TO ADULTS IN YEARS OLD OR OLDER. THE FIEM A RECIPIENT IS ENTITLED TO PURCHASE HAS BEEN DETERMINED BEFORE EACH MAILING. THIS OPFER IS MADE AVAILABLE BY SPONSORS THAT ARE INTERODUCING FEOTHER. TO AN ASSOCIATION OF MERCHANDISE ITEMS FROM THIRD PARTY SUPPLIERS, THISBE ITEMS ARE NOT PRIZED OR GITTS AND THIS IS HOT AS AVELETAKES, CONTEST OR LOTTERY, ALL MAILINGS ARE ASSIGNED A DIFFERENT PROPERTY ALLOCATION NUMBER WHICH IS ASSIGNED TO AN ITEM THAT IS FOR SALE, EACH CUSTOMER WHO RETURNS THE REQUIRED FEE WILL BE PURCHASING ONE OF THE ITEMS LISTED. THE ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THIS OFFER INCLIDE ONE 2014 AUDI AS, ONE 32'S SONY HOTY, ONE PANASONIC DIGITAL CAMERA, AND APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION UNIQUE JEWERY TEMS. THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THIS OFFER WILL BE STRICTLY ADDRESS AND PROPERTY ALLOCATION NUMBER TO US IN THE BUYELDE FROW THIS OFFER WILL BE STRICTLY ADDRESS AND PROPERTY ALLOCATION NUMBER TO US IN THE BUYELDE PROVIDED. IF FOR ANY PERSON YOU ARE NOT SATISFED WITH OUR SERVICE, SENDIN A WRITTEN REQUISEST WITHIN A PULL, NO QUESTIONS ASKED REPUND OR DE REMOVED FROM THE MAILING LIST. PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE A USA CUSTOMER, WHEN YOU PROVIDE A CHECK AS PAYMENT, YOU AUTHORIZE THIS COMPANY TO MAKE A ONETIME ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER FROM YOUR ACCOUNT THE SAME DAY YOUR A FUNDE SHAY BY WILL NOT RECEIVED YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE THE ATTAINT AS A CHECK TEACHING THE MILL SHAPE THE ASKED THE PATALINA AND THE MILL FEE MAY BE ELECTRONIC.

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# TITLE 18. CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE PART I. CRIMES CHAPTER 61. LOTTERIES

# 18 USCS §1302

§1302. Mailing lottery tickets or related matter

Whoever knowingly deposits in the mail, or sends or delivers by mail:

Any letter, package, postal card, or circular concerning any lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance;

Any lottery ticket or part thereof, or paper, certificate, or instrument purporting to be or to represent a ticket, chance, share, or interest in or dependent upon the event of a lottery, gift enterprise, or similar scheme offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance;

Any check, draft, bill, money, postal note, or money order, for the purchase of any ticket or part thereof, or of any share or chance in any such lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme;

Any newspaper, circular, pamphlet, or publication of any kind containing any advertisement of any lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme of any kind offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance, or containing any list of the prizes drawn or awarded by means of any such lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme, whether said list contains any part or all of such prizes;

Any article described in section 1953 of this title [18 USCS §1953]—

Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than two years, or both; and for any subsequent offense shall be imprisoned not more than five years.

# TITLE 39. POSTAL SERVICE PART IV. MAIL MATTER CHAPTER 30. NONMAILABLE MATTER

# 39 USCS §3001

#### §3001. Nonmailable matter

- (a) Matter of deposit of which in the mails is punishable under section 1302, 1341, 1342, 1461, 1463, 1715, 1716, 1717, or 1738 of title 18, or section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act [7 USCS § 2156] is nonmailable.
- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, nonmailable matter which reaches the office of delivery, or which may be seized or detained for violation of law, shall be disposed of as the Postal Service shall direct.
- (c) (1) Matter which-
  - (A) exceeds the size and weight limits prescribed for the particular class of mail; or
  - (B) is of a character perishable within the period required for transportation and delivery; is nonmailable.
- (2) Matter made nonmailable by this subsection which reaches the office of destination may be delivered in accordance with its address, if the party addressed furnishes the name and address of the sender.
- (d) Matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which-
- (1) is in the form of, and reasonably could be interpreted or construed as, a bill, invoice, or statement of account due: but
- (2) constitutes, in fact, a solicitation for the order by the addressee of goods or services, or both; is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs, unless such matter bears on its face, in conspicuous and legible type in contrast by typography, layout, or color with other printing on its face, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe—
- (A) the following notice: "This is a solicitation for the order of goods or services, or both, and not a bill, invoice, or statement of account due. You are under no obligation to make any payments on account of this offer unless you accept this offer."; or
  - (B) in lieu thereof, a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe.
- (e) (1) Any matter which is unsolicited by the addressee and which is designed, adapted, or intended for preventing conception (except unsolicited samples thereof mailed to a manufacturer thereof, a dealer therein, a licensed physician or surgeon, or a nurse, pharmacist, druggist, hospital, or clinic) is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs.
- (2) Any unsolicited advertisement of matter which is designed, adapted, or intended for preventing conception is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs unless the advertisement—
- (A) is mailed to a manufacturer of such matter, a dealer therein, a licensed physician or surgeon, or a nurse, pharmacist, druggist, hospital, or clinic; or
- (B) accompanies in the same parcel any unsolicited sample excepted by paragraph (1) of this subsection. An advertisement shall not be deemed to be unsolicited for the purposes of this paragraph if it is contained in a publication for which the addressee has paid or promised to pay a consideration or which he has otherwise indicated he desires to receive.
- (f) Any matter which is unsolicited by the addressee, which contains a "household substance" (as defined by section 2 of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 [15 USCS § 1471]), and which does not comply with the requirements for special child-resistant packaging established for that substance by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs.
- (g) (1) Matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which contains or includes a fragrance advertising sample is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs, unless the sample is sealed, wrapped, treated, or otherwise prepared in a manner reasonably designed to prevent individuals from being unknowingly or involuntarily exposed to the sample.

- (2) The Postal Service shall by regulation establish the standards or requirements which a fragrance advertising sample must satisfy in order for the mail matter involved not to be considered nonmailable under this subsection.
- (h) Matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which constitutes a solicitation by a nongovernmental entity for the purchase of or payment for a product or service; and which reasonably could be interpreted or construed as implying any Federal Government connection, approval, or endorsement through the use of a seal, insignia, reference to the Postmaster General, citation to a Federal statute, name of a Federal agency, department, commission, or program, trade or brand name, or any other term or symbol; or contains any reference to the Postmaster General or a citation to a Federal statute that misrepresents either the identity of the mailer or the protection or status afforded such matter by the Federal Government is nonmailable matter and shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs, unless—
  - (1) such nongovernmental entity has such expressed connection, approval or endorsement;
- (2) (A) such matter bears on its face, in conspicuous and legible type in contrast by typography, layout, or color with other printing on its face, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe, the following notice: "THIS PRODUCT OR SERVICE HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR ENDORSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THIS OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE BY AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.", or a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe:
- (B) the envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which such matter is mailed bears on its face in capital letters and in conspicuous and legible type, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe, the following notice: "THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT.", or a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe; and
- (C) such matter does not contain a false representation stating or implying that Federal Government benefits or services will be affected by any purchase or nonpurchase; or
- (3) such matter is contained in a publication for which the addressee has paid or promised to pay a consideration or which he has otherwise indicated he desires to receive, except that this paragraph shall not apply if the solicitation is on behalf of the publisher of the publication.
- (i) Matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which constitutes a solicitation by a nongovernmental entity for information or the contribution of funds or membership fees and which reasonably could be interpreted or construed as implying any Federal Government connection, approval, or endorsement through the use of a seal, insignia, reference to the Postmaster General, citation to a Federal statute, name of a Federal agency, department, commission, or program, trade or brand name, or any other term or symbol; or contains any reference to the Postmaster General or a citation to a Federal statute that misrepresents either the identity of the mailer or the protection or status afforded such matter by the Federal Government is nonmailable matter and shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs, unless—
  - (1) such nongovernmental entity has such expressed connection, approval or endorsement;
- (2) (A) such matter bears on its face, in conspicuous and legible type in contrast by typography, layout, or color with other printing on its face, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe, the following notice: "THIS ORGANIZATION HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR ENDORSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THIS OFFER IS NOT BEING MADE BY AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.", or a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe;
- (B) the envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which such matter is mailed bears on its face in capital letters and in conspicuous and legible type, in accordance with regulations which the Postal Service shall prescribe, the following notice: "THIS IS NOT A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT.", or a notice to the same effect in words which the Postal Service may prescribe; and
- (C) such matter does not contain a false representation stating or implying that Federal Government benefits or services will be affected by any contribution or noncontribution; or
- (3) such matter is contained in a publication for which the addressee has paid or promised to pay a consideration or which he has otherwise indicated he desires to receive, except that this paragraph shall not apply if the solicitation is on behalf of the publisher of the publication.
- (j) (1) Any matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which is described in paragraph (2) is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs.
  - (2) Matter described in this paragraph is any matter that-
    - (A) constitutes a solicitation for the purchase of or payment for any product or service that—
      - (i) is provided by the Federal Government; and
      - (ii) may be obtained without cost from the Federal Government; and
- (B) does not contain a clear and conspicuous statement giving notice of the information set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A).
- (k) (1) In this subsection-
- (A) the term "clearly and conspicuously displayed" means presented in a manner that is readily noticeable, readable, and understandable to the group to whom the applicable matter is disseminated;

- (B) the term "facsimile check" means any matter that-
  - (i) is designed to resemble a check or other negotiable instrument; but
  - (ii) is not negotiable;
- (C) the term "skill contest" means a puzzle, game, competition, or other contest in which—
  - (i) a prize is awarded or offered;
  - (ii) the outcome depends predominately on the skill of the contestant; and
  - (iii) a purchase, payment, or donation is required or implied to be required to enter the contest; and
- (D) the term "sweepstakes" means a game of chance for which no consideration is required to enter.
- (2) Except as provided in paragraph (4), any matter otherwise legally acceptable in the mails which is described in paragraph (3) is nonmailable matter, shall not be carried or delivered by mail, and shall be disposed of as the Postal Service directs.
  - (3) Matter described in this paragraph is any matter that—
    - (A) (i) includes entry materials for a sweepstakes or a promotion that purports to be a sweepstakes; and
- (ii) (l) does not contain a statement that discloses in the mailing, in the rules, and on the order or entry form, that no purchase is necessary to enter such sweepstakes;
- (II) does not contain a statement that discloses in the mailing, in the rules, and on the order or entry form, that a purchase will not improve an individual's chances of winning with such entry;
- (III) does not state all terms and conditions of the sweepstakes promotion, including the rules and entry procedures for the sweepstakes;
- (IV) does not disclose the sponsor or mailer of such matter and the principal place of business or an address at which the sponsor or mailer may be contacted;
  - (V) does not contain sweepstakes rules that state-
    - (aa) the estimated odds of winning each prize;
    - (bb) the quantity, estimated retail value, and nature of each prize; and
    - (cc) the schedule of any payments made over time;
- (VI) represents that individuals not purchasing products or services may be disqualified from receiving future sweepstakes mailings;
- (VII) requires that a sweepstakes entry be accompanied by an order or payment for a product or service previously ordered;
  - (VIII) represents that an individual is a winner of a prize unless that individual has won such prize; or
- (IX) contains a representation that contradicts, or is inconsistent with sweepstakes rules or any other disclosure required to be made under this subsection, including any statement qualifying, limiting, or explaining the rules or disclosures in a manner inconsistent with such rules or disclosures;
  - (B) (i) includes entry materials for a skill contest or a promotion that purports to be a skill contest: and
- (ii) (l) does not state all terms and conditions of the skill contest, including the rules and entry procedures for the skill contest;
- (II) does not disclose the sponsor or mailer of the skill contest and the principal place of business or an address at which the sponsor or mailer may be contacted; or
  - (III) does not contain skill contest rules that state, as applicable-
    - (aa) the number of rounds or levels of the contest and the cost to enter each round or level;
    - (bb) that subsequent rounds or levels will be more difficult to solve;
    - (cc) the maximum cost to enter all rounds or levels;
- (dd) the estimated number or percentage of entrants who may correctly solve the skill contest or the approximate number or percentage of entrants correctly solving the past 3 skill contests conducted by the sponsor;
- (ee) the identity or description of the qualifications of the judges if the contest is judged by other than the sponsor;
  - (ff) the method used in judging;
- (gg) the date by which the winner or winners will be determined and the date or process by which prizes will be awarded:
  - (hh) the quantity, estimated retail value, and nature of each prize; and
  - (ii) the schedule of any payments made over time; or
- (C) includes any facsimile check that does not contain a statement on the check itself that such check is not a negotiable instrument and has no cash value.
- (4) Matter that appears in a magazine, newspaper, or other periodical shall be exempt from paragraph (2) if such matter—
  - (A) is not directed to a named individual; or
  - (B) does not include an opportunity to make a payment or order a product or service.
- (5) Any statement, notice, or disclaimer required under paragraph (3) shall be clearly and conspicuously displayed. Any statement, notice, or disclaimer required under subclause (I) or (II) of paragraph (3)(A)(ii) shall be displayed more conspicuously than would otherwise be required under the preceding sentence.
- (6) In the enforcement of paragraph (3), the Postal Service shall consider all of the materials included in the mailing and the material and language on and visible through the envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which those materials are mailed.

- (I) (1) Any person who uses the mails for any matter to which subsection (h), (i), (j), or (k) applies shall adopt reasonable practices and procedures to prevent the mailing of such matter to any person who, personally or through a conservator, guardian, or individual with power of attorney—
- (A) submits to the mailer of such matter a written request that such matter should not be mailed to such person; or
- (B) (i) submits such a written request to the attorney general of the appropriate State (or any State government officer who transmits the request to that attorney general); and
  - (ii) that attorney general transmits such request to the mailer.
- (2) Any person who mails matter to which subsection (h), (i), (j), or (k) applies shall maintain or cause to be maintained a record of all requests made under paragraph (1). The records shall be maintained in a form to permit the suppression of an applicable name at the applicable address for a 5-year period beginning on the date the written request under paragraph (1) is submitted to the mailer.
- (m) Except as otherwise provided by law, proceedings concerning the mailability of matter under this chapter [39 USCS §§ 3001 et seq.] and chapters 71 and 83 of title 18 [18 USCS §§ 1461 et seq. and 1691 et seq.] shall be conducted in accordance with chapters 5 and 7 of title 5 [5 USCS §§ 501 et seq. and 701 et seq.].
- (n) (1) Except as otherwise authorized by law or regulations of the Postal Service, hazardous material is nonmailable.
- (2) In this subsection, the term "hazardous material" means a substance or material designated by the Secretary of Transportation under section 5103(a) of title 49.
- (o) The district courts, together with the District Court of the Virgin Islands and the District Court of Guam, shall have jurisdiction, upon cause shown, to enjoin violations of section 1716 of title 18.

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### TITLE 39--POSTAL SERVICE

## CHAPTER I—UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

# PART 953\_RULES OF PRACTICE IN PROCEEDINGS RELATIVE TO MAILABILITY

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Sec. 953.1 Authority for rules.

These rules of practice are issued by the Judicial Officer of the U.S. Postal Service pursuant to authority delegated by the Postmaster General.

Sec. 953.2 Initiation.

Mailability proceedings are initiated upon the filing of a written appeal with the Recorder, Judicial Officer Department, U.S. Postal Service, 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201-3078.

[63 FR 66050, Dec. 1, 1998]

Sec. 953.3 Appeal.

The appeal shall:

(a) Identify the appellant;

- (b) Describe or be accompanied by a copy of the determination or ruling being appealed;
- (c) Describe the character or content of the matter the appellant wishes to have carried and delivered by the U.S. Postal Service;
- (d) Request review of the determination or rules specifying each and every reason why the appellant believes the determination or ruling should be reversed;
- (e) Indicate whether the appellant desires to have an oral hearing or, instead, to have the case decided solely on the basis of the written record (i.e., the appeal, the General counsel's reply, and any documents submitted by the parties pursuant to an order of the presiding officer); and
- (f) Bear the signature, typed or printed name, title, business address, and telephone number of any attorney at law representing the appellant in bringing the appeal, and of each individual appellant or, if the appellant is a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or unincorporated association, of the managing partner, chief executive officer, chief operating officer, or other officer authorized to bind the organization.

## Sec. 953.4 Service of notice; Reply; Motion for summary judgment.

- (a) Service of notice. (1) Upon receiving the appeal, the Recorder shall issue a notice specifying that the Postal Service General Counsel's reply shall be filed within 15 days of receipt of the notice; and the time and place of the hearing (if one was requested).
  - (2) The Recorder shall promptly serve this notice on the parties as follows:
- (i) The notice, with a copy of the appeal, shall be sent to the General Counsel at Postal Service headquarters.
- (ii) When the appellant's address is within the United States, the notice, with a copy of the appeal, shall be sent to the postmaster at the office that delivers mail to the appellant's address. The postmaster shall be instructed that, acting personally or through a supervisory employee or a postal inspector, he or she is to serve these documents on the appellant. If the appellant cannot be found within 3 days, the postmaster shall send these documents

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to the appellant by ordinary mail and forward a statement to the Recorder that is signed by the delivering employee and that specifies the time and place of delivery.

- (iii) When the appellant's address is outside the United States, the notice, with a copy of the appeal, shall be sent to the appellant by registered airmail, return receipt requested. A written statement by the Recorder, noting the time and place of mailing, shall be accepted as proof of service in the event a signed and dated return receipt is not received.
- (b) Reply. The General Counsel shall file a written reply, in triplicate, with the Recorder, within the aforementioned 15-day period or any extension granted by the presiding officer for good cause shown. If the General Counsel's reply fails to address any allegation in the appeal, that allegation shall be deemed admitted.
- (c) Motion for summary judgment. Upon motion of either the General Counsel or the appellant, or on the presiding officer's own initiative, the presiding officer may find that the appeal and answer present no genuine and material issues of fact requiring an evidentiary hearing, and thereupon may render an initial decision upholding or reversing the determination or ruling. The initial decision shall become the final Agency decision if a timely appeal is not taken.

#### Sec. 953.5 Hearings.

- (a) In general, admissibility of evidence at hearings conducted under this part hinges on relevancy and materiality. However, relevant evidence may be excluded if its probative value is substantially outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, or by considerations of undue delay, or by needless presentation of cumulative evidence. Testimony shall be given under oath or affirmation, and witnesses are subject to cross-examination. Stipulations of fact are encouraged and may be received in evidence.
- (b) Objections to the admission or exclusion of evidence shall be in short form, stating the grounds of objections relied upon. The transcript shall not include argument or debate thereon except as ordered by the presiding officer. Rulings on such objections shall be a part of the transcript.

(c) Formal exceptions to the rulings of the presiding officer made during the course of the hearing are unnecessary. For all purposes for which an exception otherwise would be taken, it is sufficient that a party, when the ruling of the presiding officer is made or sought, makes known the action he desires the presiding officer to take or his objection to an action taken, and his grounds therefor.

Sec. 953.6 Compromise and informal dispositions.

Either party may request the other to consider informal disposition of any question of mailability, and the scheduled hearing date may be postponed by the presiding officer for such period of time as may be necessary to accommodate settlement discussions between the parties.

Sec. 953.7 Default; Appearances.

If a timely reply to the appeal is not filed, the presiding officer shall refer the appeal to the Judicial Officer, who may find that the General Counsel is in default. Whenever the General Counsel has been deemed to be in default, the Judicial Officer shall take whatever action on the appeal he deems appropriate. If an oral evidentiary hearing is to be held, the appellant may appear at the hearing in person or by counsel. If either party fails to appear at the hearing, the presiding officer shall receive the evidence of the party appearing and render a decision.

Sec. 953.8 Location of hearing.

Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, the hearing shall be held at 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201-3078, on the date set in the notice.

[63 FR 66050, Dec. 1, 1998]

Sec. 953.9 Change of place of hearing.

(a) Not later than the date fixed for the filing of the reply, a party may file a motion that the scheduled hearing be held at a place other than that designated in the notice. The motion shall include a supporting statement outlining:

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- (1) The evidence to be offered in such place;
- (2) The names and addresses of the witnesses who will testify; and
- (3) The reasons why such evidence cannot be presented in Arlington, VA.
- (b) In ruling on the motion, the presiding officer shall consider the convenience and necessity of the parties and the relevancy of the evidence to be offered.

[59 FR 31538, June 20, 1994, as amended at 63 FR 66050, Dec. 1, 1998]

Sec. 953.10 Presiding officers.

The presiding officer at any hearing shall be an Administrative Law Judge qualified in accordance with law (5 U.S.C. 3105) and assigned by the Judicial Officer (39 U.S.C. 204), or the Judicial Officer, may at his discretion, elect to preside at the reception of evidence. The Judicial Officer shall assign cases to Administrative Law Judges upon rotation if practicable.

Sec. 953.11 Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be submitted orally or in writing at the conclusion of the hearing, or otherwise, as ordered by the presiding officer.

Sec. 953.12 Initial decision.

Unless given orally at the conclusion of the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge shall render an initial decision as expeditiously as practicable after the conclusion of the hearing and the receipt of the proposed findings and conclusions, if any. The initial decision shall become the decision of the Postal Service if an appeal is not perfected. When the Judicial Officer presides at the hearing, his powers shall include those of an Administrative Law Judge, but the Judicial Officer may render either an initial or final decision. Exceptions may be filed to an initial decision rendered by the Judicial Officer in accordance with Sec. 953.13.

Sec. 953.13 Appeal from initial decision.

Either party may file exceptions in a brief on appeal to the Judicial Officer within 5 days after receipt of the initial decision unless additional time is granted. A reply brief may be filed within 5 days after the receipt of the appeal brief by the opposing party.

Sec. 953.14 Final Agency decision.

The Judicial Officer shall render a final Agency decision. The decision shall be served upon the parties and the postal official having custody of any mail detained pursuant to the determination or ruling.

Sec. 953.15 Expedition.

For the purpose of further expedition, either party may move to have the hearing held at an earlier date than that specified in the notice. Either party may also move to have the initial decision (if an Administrative Law Judge or the Judicial Officer is presiding) or the final Agency decision (if the Judicial Officer is presiding) rendered orally at the conclusion of the hearing. The presiding officer may grant or deny any such motion. The parties may, with the concurrence of the Judicial Officer, agree to waive any of the procedures established in these rules.

Sec. 953.16 Disposition.

Mail matter found to be nonmailable shall be held at the post office where detained for a period of 15 days from the date of the Postal Service decision, unless that period is extended by the Judicial Officer. During this holding period, the appellant may apply for the withdrawal of the matter. If any such application is made, the General Counsel shall be given notice and the opportunity to oppose the application. Upon the expiration of the holding period with no application having been made, the Judicial Officer shall order that the matter be disposed of in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3001(b). If a timely application is made, the Judicial Officer shall consider the application and any reasons advanced by the General Counsel for denying the application. The Judicial Officer shall thereafter order either that the matter be returned to the applicant or that it be disposed of in accordance with 39 U.S.C. 3001(b).

Sec. 953.17 Ex parte communications.

The provisions of 5 U.S.C. 551(14), 556(d), and 557(d) prohibiting ex parte communications are made applicable

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to proceedings under these rules of practice.