

**OPERATION Tele-PHONEY
CIVIL ACTIONS**

In addition to the actions named below, Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, New York, Nevada, North Dakota, Tennessee and Texas have provided substantial investigatory assistance on FTC cases filed with the sweep. Actions listed below took place between December 2007 and May 20, 2008.

Agency	Type of action	Name of target	More information
FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act, the Telemarketing Sales Rule (“TSR”), and Unordered Merchandise Statute	Handicapped & Disabled Workshops, Inc.; Handi-Hope Industries, Inc.; Handi-Ship, LLC; Bruce D. Peeples; George Thomas; Joshua Abramson	U.S. District Court, District of Arizona. Case No. CV-08-0908-PHX-DGC
FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act, the TSR, and Unordered Merchandise Statute	Helping Hands of Hope, Inc.; U.S. Blind Services, Inc.; Employment Opportunities of America, Inc.; Third Strike Employment, Inc.; Robyn Mayhan	U.S. District Court, District of Arizona. No. CV-08-0909-PHX-JAT

FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	Financial Advisors & Associates, Inc. (d/b/a Freedom Financial and MyUnsecuredCreditCard.com); James Sweet	U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division. Case No. 8:08-CV-0097-T-26-TBM.
FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	NHS Systems, Inc.; Harry F. Bell, Jr.; Physician Health Service, LLC; Donna Newman; John E. Bartholomew	U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Civil Action Case No. 08-2215.
FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	6554962 Canada Inc. (d/b/a Union Consumer Benefits); Naeem Alvi	U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Case No. 08-CV-2309.
FTC, with assistance of Canada's Competition Bureau	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	9107-4021 Quebec, Inc. (d/b/a Med Provisions and Pronto Meds); Sameer Malhotra; Pooja Malhotra	U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division. Case No. 1:08CV1051.

FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	Integrity Financial Enterprises, LLC (d/b/a Infinite Financial and National Benefit Exchange); National Benefit Exchange, Inc.; Robert James Fischbach	U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida. Case No. 8:08-cv-914-T27.
FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	Your Magazine Provider, Inc. (d/b/a Periodicals and U.S. Magazine Services); Jason W. Ellsworth	U.S. District Court for the District of Montana, Missoula Division. Case No. CV 08-64-M-DWM.
FTC, Kentucky Attorney General's Office	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR. Also counts under Kentucky Consumer Protection Act	Direct Connection Consulting, Inc. (d/b/a SureTouch Long Distance); Digicom, LLC (d/b/a DigiTouch Long Distance); Elliott Borenstein; Joann R. (Jody) Winter	U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division. Case No. 08-cv-1739-Batten.
FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	USA Financial LLC; American Financial Card, Inc. (fka Capital Financial Inc.); John F. Buschel, Jr.; Jeffrey R. Deering; Richard R. Guarino	U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division. Case No. 8:08-cv-00899-T-17-MAP.

FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	Steven Anthony Breitling (an individual doing business as ICS Financial Group; ICS Financial Firm; ICS Financial Services; ICS Financial Associates; ICS (A Financial Co.); and Integrated Credit Services	U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Case No. CIV-08-494-M
FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	Publishers Business Services, Inc.; ED Dantuma Enterprises, Inc. (d/b/a Publishers' Direct Services and Publishers Business Services); Persis Dantuma; Edward Dantuma; Brenda Dantuma Schang	U.S. District Court, District of Nevada. Case No. CV-00620-PMP-PAL
FTC	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and the TSR	City West Advantage, Inc. (d/b/a Unified Services); James S. Slemboski	U.S. District Court, District of Nevada. Case No. CV-00609-BES-GWF.
FTC	Permanent injunction and final monetary judgment issued (\$28.2 million)	Universal Premium Services, Inc.	http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2008/04/walmartscam.shtm
FTC	Settlement and order to pay \$2 million	Express Consolidation, Inc., Consumer Credit Consolidation, Inc., and Randall Leshin, Charles Ferdon, and Maureen Gaviola	http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2008/05/express.shtm

FTC	Finding of contempt	Ira Rubin	http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2008/02/rubin.shtm
FTC, Illinois, Iowa, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, and Vermont Attorneys General offices	Complaint charges violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act and TSR (assisting and facilitating)	YMA; LLC d/b/a Netchex Corp., Universal Payment Solutions, Check Recovery Systems, Nterglobal Payment Solutions, Subscription Services, Ltd.; YMA Company, LLC, Derrelle Janey, and Tarzenea Dixon	http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2007/12/yma.shtm
FTC with cooperation of USPIS, the Toronto Strategic Partnership, and Canada's Competition Bureau	Final order and default judgment issued (nearly \$5,000,000)	Pacific Liberty	http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2008/05/pacliberty.shtm See also companion matter from Canada's Competition Bureau http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/epic/site/cb-bc.nsf/en/02439e.html

<p>FTC with cooperation of USPIS, the Toronto Strategic Partnership, and Canada's Competition Bureau</p>	<p>Settlement with individual; Permanent injunction and monetary judgement issued (\$7,603,094)</p>	<p>Charles P. Farrugia (re. Datacom Marketing, Inc.)</p>	<p>http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2008/04/xborder.shtm (John Hallerud)</p> <p>See also companion matter from Canada's Competition Bureau http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/epic/site/cb-bc.nsf/en/02666e.html</p>
<p>USPIS</p>	<p>Final Decision & Order (39 USC Section 3005)</p>	<p>United Claim Centers</p>	<p>Douglas A. Bem DABem@USPIS.gov</p> <p>Linda Walker LJWalker@uspis.gov 202-268-4412</p>
<p>USPIS</p>	<p>Civil Injunction (18 USC Section 1345)</p>	<p>Robert Mark Reilly (dba Level 10 Management)</p>	<p>Douglas A. Bem DABem@USPIS.gov</p> <p>Linda Walker LJWalker@uspis.gov 202-268-4412</p>

British Columbia Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority	Civil action and forfeiture of money in lottery fraud case	Rockie Planet Ventures & Samson Jospheh	Tatiana Chabeaux-Smith 604-320-1667 ext 2802
British Columbia Business Practices and Consumer Protection Authority	Civil action and forfeiture of money	Ace Promotions and Tunde Alatisé (aka Trey Alex Brown)	Tatiana Chabeaux-Smith 604-320-1667 ext 2802
Arizona Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit (Bag and bulb scam)	USDW, Inc.; Curtis Winlock; Rosemary Winlock; and Dale J. Kikta	Andrea M. Esquer 602-542-8019 602-542-4085 (fax) andrea.esquer@azag.gov
Florida Attorney General's Office	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance	R.F.K Solutions Inc. (d/b/a Timeshare Registry International), and Palm Harbor, Florida	Sandi Copes 850-245-0150 (office) 850-294-7294 (cell) Press contact for all Florida AG actions
Florida Attorney General's Office	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance	Vacation Property Services, Inc., St. Petersburg, Florida	
Florida Attorney General's Office	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance	R & R Vacations, Inc. (d/b/a Vacation Property Services and d/b/a US Land Services), Largo Florida	

Florida Attorney General's Office	Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (telemarketing sale of timeshare resale business)	Equity Marketing Corp. (d/b/a RESORT EQUITY MARKETING), Altamonte Springs, Florida	http://myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases/427927C55DD9DF06852573B400630CCE
Florida Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit (telemarketing foreclosure rescue services)	Law & Associates, LLC, Clearwater, Florida	http://myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases/4261B25DFED0952A85257420006D7FA3
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("DOACS"), with the assistance of the Florida Attorney General's Tampa Economic Crimes Unit ("FLAG")	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$5,000.	Vacation Time International, Inc. and Albert Wilson	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html Terry McElroy 850-488-3022 mcelrot@DOACS.state.fl.us Press contact for all DOACS actions
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Informal settlement issued for \$5,000.	Resolutions Center Corp.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$18,000.	Global Resort Management, LLC	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html

Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Informal settlement for \$5,000.	Share Traders Unlimited	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Informal settlement for \$4,000.	Resorts Transfer, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Platinum Marketing Enterprises, LLC	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	American Debt Foundation, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$2,000.	Rudy Kazmiersko (d/b/a Timeshare Registry International)	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Informal settlement issued for \$2,000.	Timeshare Globe, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$10,000.	Gold Crown Property Management	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html

Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$4,000.	Federal Foreclosure Precention, LLC	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$10,000.	Enterprise Technology Group, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Informal settlement for \$2,000.	Liberty Land Services, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order and Administrative Complaint for \$5,000 issued.	Premier Timeshare Vacations, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	The Ownership Solutions, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Vacation Property Services, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	NCE Coins, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html

Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Resort Enterprise	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$8,000.	Zero Debt Solutions, LLC	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Administrative complaint and cease & desist orders issued.	National Consumer Services, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$4,000.	PFS Concepts, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Room shut down. Cease & desist orders issued.	Stonebrook Marketing	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued and informal settlement.	Timeshare Market Pro, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Jared Ryan Properties, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html

Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Global Marketing Consultants USA	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Room shut down. Cease & desist order issued.	CIS Financial Consulting	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Administrative Complaint issued.	Land-ahoy Properties, LLC	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	National Vacation Sales & Services, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued and informal settlement.	CHL Marketing, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Preferred Property Services	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Home Trader Tampa Bay, Inc	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html

Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$2,000.	Lighthouse Credit Foundation, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$2,000.	Platinum 1 Marketing Group, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$5,000.	Equi-max, LLC	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Global Land Marketing, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Timeshare Adventures, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order and informal settlement issued.	American No Debt, LLC	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Informal settlement for \$4,000 issued.	Vacation Register, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html

Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Administrative Complaint for \$2,000 issued.	Vacation Property Network, LLC	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order and Administrative Complaint for \$5,000 issued.	Han Acquisitions, Inc	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Just Be Free Enterprises	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Informal settlement for \$2,000 issued.	AATM, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease and desist order issued. Administrative Complaint for \$6,000 issued.	Research Marketing Group, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement for \$2,000.	Trident Marketing International, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued.	Advanced Auto Locators, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html

Florida DOACS with assistance of FLAG	Cease & desist order issued. Informal settlement of \$6,000.	ADC Marketing, Inc.	http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/press/2008/04182008.html
Idaho Attorney General's Office	AVC (Prize promotion to induce purchase of magazine subscriptions)	United Publishers of America, Inc.	http://www2.state.id.us/ag/newsrel/2008/nr_feb132008.htm Bob Cooper (208) 334-4112; bob.cooper@ag.idaho.gov
Idaho Attorney General's Office	AVC	Institute of Business Publications, LLC	Bob Cooper (208) 334-4112; bob.cooper@ag.idaho.gov
Iowa Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit (List compiler and broker)	Paul Gluchanicz; Sweepstakes Research Legal Dept.; Asset Allocation Authority; American Award Advisory	Robert Brammer (515) 281-6699 rbramme@ag.state.ia.us Debra Moore, (515) 281-8770 dmoore@ag.state.ia.us
Iowa Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit ("free" gifts and grants / unauthorized debiting)	Galaxy Gadgets and Gizmos, LLC; John E. Bartholomew, Jr.	Robert Brammer (515) 281-6699 rbramme@ag.state.ia.us Debra Moore, (515) 281-8770 dmoore@ag.state.ia.us

Kentucky Attorney General's Office	AVC (Medical prescription drug scam)	DNH Consulting Group	Allison Gardner-Martin 502-696-5651 Allison.Martin@ag.ky.gov
Minnesota Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit (Unordered merchandise)	Paragon Laboratories a/k/a Group Chemical Ltd.; GCS, Inc.; Chemical Group; Santa Fe Chemical Co.; Suncoast Chemical Company Corp.	http://www.ag.state.mn.us/consumer/pressrelease/080108paragonlaboratories.asp Benjamin Wogsland 651-282-2059 benjamin.wogsland@state.mn.us
Missouri Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit (Motor vehicle extended service contracts)	National Auto Warranty Services, Inc.	http://ago.mo.gov/newsreleases/2008/030608.htm Travis Ford 573-751-5272 travis.ford@ago.mo.gov Press contact for all Missouri AG actions
Missouri Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit (Deception in sale of motor vehicle extended service contracts)	National Dealers Warranty	http://ago.mo.gov/newsreleases/2008/030608.htm

Missouri Attorney General's Office	Final order and permanent injunction entered (Charitable solicitation fraud)	RCT Development Association (d/b/a Helping Our Heroes)	http://ago.mo.gov/newsreleases/2008/022708b.htm http://ago.mo.gov/newsreleases/2008/030708.htm
North Carolina Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit (Advance-fee credit card scam)	Premier Nationwide (d/b/a Premier Savings)	http://www.ncdoj.com/DocumentStreamerClient?directory=PressReleases/&file=Premier%20Nationwide%20TRO.pdf Noelle Talley 919-716-6484 ntalley@ncdoj.gov
North Carolina Attorney General's Office	Entry of default judgment (Phony grant scam)	Grant Quest, Inc.	http://www.ncdoj.com/DocumentStreamerClient?directory=PressReleases/&file=Grant%20Quest%20judgment.pdf Noelle Talley 919-716-6484 ntalley@ncdoj.gov
Ohio Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit filed (Payment processor)	Capital Payment Systems, Inc., Banctech, Inc., Electronic Check Corporation, Ali Nakhai, and Bruce Woods	Michelle Gatchell 614-728-0701 Mgatchell@ag.state.oh.us

Ohio Attorney General's Office	Lawsuit filed (Government grant scam)	6450903 Canada, Inc. (d/b/a Bank Safe, d/b/a Privacy Management Group) and Francois Egberongbe	Michelle Gatchell 614-728-0701 Mgatchell@ag.state.oh.us
Ohio Attorney General's Office	Lawsuits filed (Government grant scam)	Simplistic Advertising, Inc.; 9165-1836 Quebec, Inc. (d/b/a Platinum Key); and Jeremy Noah Weisz	Michelle Gatchell 614-728-0701 Mgatchell@ag.state.oh.us
Ohio Attorney General's Office	Default judgment (Grant assistance scam)	JAS Planning, Inc., et al.	Michelle Gatchell 614-728-0701 Mgatchell@ag.state.oh.us
Oklahoma Attorney General's Office	AVC (Deception in sale of motor vehicle extended service contracts)	Automotive Warranty Solutions, LLC	Charlie.Price@oag.ok.gov Emily.Lang@oag.ok.gov
Oregon Attorney General's Office	AVC	Freight & Salvage and John Conforte, Jr.	Jan Margosian (503) 934-4400 jan.margosian@doj.state.or.us

Texas Attorney General's Office	Temporary Injunction	Thornbrooks Shapiro, LLC and Brian Brumfield	http://www.oag.state.tx.us/oagNews/release.php?id=2381 Jerry Strickland jerry.strickland@oag.state.tx.us Tom Kelly tom.kelly@oag.state.tx.us
Vermont Attorney General's Office	Consent judgment and permanent injunction (Payment processor)	Alliance Payment Technologies, Inc., et al.	http://www.atg.state.vt.us/display.php?smod=63&pubsec=4&curdoc=1462 Elliot Burg Eburg@atg.state.vt.us Rose Hayes rhayes@atg.state.vt.us (802) 828-5501
Vermont Attorney General's Office	Assurance of Discontinuance (Government grants)	Creative Fusion Concept, Inc.	http://www.atg.state.vt.us/display.php?smod=63&pubsec=4&curdoc=1460 Elliot Burg Eburg@atg.state.vt.us Rose Hayes rhayes@atg.state.vt.us (802) 828-5501

Vermont Attorney General's Office	Settlement	Stanley Gibbons; Wendy Gibbons; American United Benefits, Inc.; Consumer Aid USA, Inc.; 3627136 Canada, Inc.; Stanwenco; Steve Shelby; Small America Corp.	Elliot Burg, Eburg@atg.state.vt.us Rose Hayes rhayes@atg.state.vt.us (802) 828-5501
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