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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

Plaintiff.

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3RD UNION CARD SERVICES INC., doing business as PHARMACYCARDS.COM. a Delaware Corporation, DAVID GRAHAM TURNER, individually and doing business as HELMCREST, LTD., and PHARMACYCARDS.COM, and as an officer or director of 3RD UNION CARD SERVICES and STEVE PEARSON, individually and doing business as HELMCREST, LTD., and PHARMACYCARDS.COM, and as an officer or director of 3RD UNION CARD CV-S-04-0712-RCJ-RJJ

(PROPOSED) ORDER **REGARDING CLAIMS** AGAINST FROZEN FUNDS HELD BY THIRD PARTIES ON BEHALF OF **DEFENDANTS**

Plaintiff, Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission"), filed a motion for default judgment, seeking injunctive relief, including monetary equitable relief, against

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defendants in the above-captioned case (collectively the "Pharmacycards defendants"). The FTC's complaint alleged that the Pharmacycards defendants debited consumers' checking accounts \$139 each, without the consumers' knowledge or approval, in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a). According to the FTC, more than \$5 million was taken from consumer checking accounts in this scheme. To preserve the possibility of redress, this Court ordered that all Pharmacycards assets be frozen. The Pharmacycards defendants never answered the complaint, and entry of default was entered against Third Union Card Services on October 27, 2004, and against the individual defendants, Steve Pearson and David Graham Turner on February 2, 2005.

In connection with its motion for default judgment, the FTC requested that third parties holding funds on behalf of the Pharmacycards defendants be ordered to pay those funds to the FTC to be used for consumer redress. The Pharmacycards defendants used third party payment processors to access consumers' checking accounts; it is these third party processors or entities associated with them who hold or have claim to Pharmacycards' funds. According to the FTC, these include:

- (1) Wells Fargo Bank, holding Pharmacycards funds in an account titled in the name of payment processor InterBill, in the amount of \$659,628;
- (2) Electronic Funds Transfer Corporation holding Pharmacycards funds in the amount of \$85,365;
- (3) Alliance Payment Technologies, Inc., holding Pharmacycards funds in the amount of \$23,693; and
- (4) Matthew G. Jackson, sole director of Helmcrest USA, LLC, holding Pharmacycards funds diverted without authorization from payment processor Fission Group, in the amount of \$175,000.

The FTC argues that the funds held by these third parties are properly held in constructive trust on behalf of the Pharmacycards' victims and that, pursuant to the constructive trust,

this Court has the authority to order that the funds be paid to the FTC so that injured consumers may be redressed.

The Court now directs that any party having a claim against funds held on behalf of Pharmacycards, specifically including those funds enumerated above, file said claim with this Court and serve it on the FTC. The claim shall state the amount sought and the reasons therefor. All such claims should be filed no later than July 29, 2005. Following the filing of any such claims, the FTC shall file its opposition, if any, no later than August 12, 2005. Claimants shall respond to the FTC's opposition no later than August 29, 2005. The FTC may reply to any opposition no later than September 9, 2005.

The FTC is directed to serve a copy of this Order on any third party it knows to be holding funds on behalf of the Pharmacycards defendants.

Robert C. Jones, United States District Judge

Presented by:

Tracy S. Phorleifson Mary T. Benfield

Attorneys For Plaintiff Federal Trade Commission

Date: July 8, 7005

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

- I, Gerald Fondow, am a citizen of the United States, over the age of eighteen years. I am an employee of the Federal Trade Commission. My business address is 915 Second Avenue, Suite 2896, Seattle, WA 98174. On October 27, 2004 and February 2, 2005, the clerk entered default against the named defendants, so I did not attempt service on them.
- On Solution, 2005, I served copies of the foregoing document by sending it, by facsimile and first class mail, to:
 - Susan E. Flint, Managing Counsel, Wells Fargo Bank, Law Department, MAC: N9305-176, 1700 Wells Fargo Center, 6th and Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55479, (612) 667-5098 (facsimile);
 - Local Counsel for Wells Fargo, Kent F. Larsen, Smith Larsen & Wixom, Hills Center Business Park, 1935 Village Center Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89134, (702) 252-5002, (702) 252-5006 (facsimile);
 - Counsel for InterBill, Ltd., and Thomas Wells: Lawrence Semenza, Semenza Law Firm, 3027 East Sunset Road, # 106, Las Vegas, NV 89120-2758, (702) 263-3539 (facsimile);
 - 4. John F. Haussner, C.F.O, Electronic Funds Transfer Corporation, 245 Saw Mill River Road, Suite 105, Hawthorne, NY (914) 747-3222 (facsimile);
 - 5. Paul G. Hook, Alliance Payment Technologies, Inc., 302 S. Milliken Avenue, Suite G-1, Ontario, CA 91761, (909) 974-0110 (facsimile); and
 - 6. Counsel for Matt Jackson: Paul N. Jacobs, Jacobs & Dodds, 881 Dover Drive, Suite 285, Newport Beach, CA 92663-5962, (949) 645-7305 (facsimile).
 - I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this $\frac{\mathcal{E} t}{\hbar}$ day of July 2005.

Gerald Fondow