UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,)	
Plaintiff,)	Case No. 06C 0254
v.)	Judge James F. Holderman
BAD CREDIT B GONE, LLC, and)	Magistrate Judge Nan R. Nolan
JOSEPH A. GRAZIOLA, III,)	
Defendants.)))	

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION WITH ASSET FREEZE AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF

Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission"), pursuant to Sections 13(b) and 19 of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and 57b, and Section 410(b) of the Credit Repair Organizations Act ("CROA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1679h(b), filed a Complaint for Injunctive and Other Equitable Relief, and applied *ex parte* for a Temporary Restraining Order with Asset Freeze, Other Equitable Relief, and Order to Show Cause Why a Preliminary Injunction Should Not Issue ("TRO") pursuant to Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Fed. R. Civ. P. 65.

The TRO having been granted and served with the Complaint and Summons on all Defendants, and the Court having considered all pleadings, memoranda, declarations, and other exhibits filed herein, and being fully advised in the premises, it is now **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case and over all parties hereto;
 - 2. Venue, process, and service of process are proper;
- 3. There is good cause to believe that Defendants have engaged in, and are likely to engage in, acts and practices that violate Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), and the CROA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1679-1679j;
- 4. In light of the foregoing findings, the Commission is likely to prevail on the merits of this action;
- 5. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable harm will result from Defendants' ongoing violations of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), and the CROA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1679-1679j, absent entry of this Order;
- 6. There is good cause to believe that immediate and irreparable damage to the Court's ability to grant effective final relief for consumers in the form of monetary redress will occur from the sale, transfer, assignment, or other disposition or concealment by Defendants of their assets absent continuation of the asset freeze;
- 7. There is good cause for issuing this Order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b), Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b);
- 8. Weighing the equities and considering the Commission's likelihood of ultimate success, this preliminary injunction, asset freeze, and other relief are in the public interest; and
- 9. No security is required of any agency of the United States for the issuance of a preliminary injunction. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(c).

DEFINITIONS

- 1. "Asset" or "assets" means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any real and personal property of any Defendant, or held for the benefit of any Defendant, including, but not limited to, "goods," "instruments," "equipment," "fixtures," "general intangibles," "inventory," "checks," "notes" (as these terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code), chattels, leaseholds, contracts, mails or other deliveries, shares of stock, lists of consumer names, accounts, credits, receivables, funds, monies, and all cash, wherever located.
- 2. "Assisting others" means: (1) performing customer service functions, including, but not limited to, receiving or responding to consumer complaints; (2) formulating or providing, or arranging for the formulation or provision of, any sales script or other marketing material; (3) providing names of, or assisting in the generation of, potential customers; (4) performing marketing services of any kind; or (5) acting as an officer or director of a business entity.
- 3. "Credit repair organization" shall have the meaning ascribed to that term in the CROA Section 403(3), 15 U.S.C. § 1679a(3), as presently enacted or as it may hereinafter be amended.
- 4. "Credit repair service" or "credit repair services" means any service, in return for the payment of money or other valuable consideration, for the express or implied purpose of (1) improving any consumer's credit record, credit history, or credit rating; or (2) providing advice or assistance to any consumer with regard to any activity or service the purpose of which is to improve a consumer's credit record, credit history, or credit rating.
- 5. "Customer" means any person who has paid, or may be required to pay, for credit repair services offered for sale or sold by Defendants.
 - 6. "Defendant" or "Defendants" means Bad Credit B Gone, LLC, and Joseph A.

Graziola, III.

- 7. "Document" or "documents" is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of the term in Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 34(a), and includes writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, audio and video recordings, computer records, and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and translated, if necessary, through detection devices into reasonably usable form. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of the term.
- 8. "Financial institution" means any bank, savings and loan institution, credit union, or any financial depository of any kind, including, but not limited to, any brokerage house, trustee, broker-dealer, escrow agent, title company, commodity trading company, or precious metal dealer.
- 9. "Material" means likely to affect a person's choice of, or conduct regarding, goods or services.
- "Person" or "persons" means any individual, group, unincorporated association, 10. limited or general partnership, corporation, or other business entity.
 - 11. "Plaintiff" means the Federal Trade Commission.
- "Web site" means a set of electronic documents, usually a home page and 12. subordinate pages, readily viewable on a computer by anyone with access to the World Wide Web, standard software, and knowledge of the Web site's location or address.
- "World Wide Web" means a system used on the Internet for cross-referencing 13. and retrieving information.

I.

PROHIBITED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ACT

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Defendants, and their officers, agents, directors, servants, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns, and all other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or provision of any good or service, including, but not limited to, credit repair services, are hereby restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Misrepresenting, either orally or in writing, directly or by implication, that

 Defendants can improve substantially most consumers' credit reports or profiles by permanently removing negative information from consumers' credit reports, even where such information is accurate and not obsolete;
- B. Misrepresenting, either orally or in writing, directly or by implication, any fact material to a consumer's decision to purchase any credit repair services from Defendants;
- C. Misrepresenting, either orally or in writing, directly or by implication, any material fact regarding any item, product, good, or service sold or offered for sale by Defendant; and
- D. Assisting others who violate any provision of Paragraphs A through C of this Section.

II.

PROHIBITED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO

THE CREDIT REPAIR ORGANIZATIONS ACT

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, and their officers, agents, directors, servants, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns, and all other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or provision of any credit repair services, are hereby restrained and enjoined from violating the CROA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1679-1679j, as presently enacted or as it may hereinafter be amended, by, including, but not limited to:

- A. Violating 15 U.S.C. § 1679b(b) by charging or receiving money or other valuable consideration for the performance of credit repair services that Defendants have agreed to perform before all such services have been fully performed;
- B. Violating 15 U.S.C. § 1679b(a)(3) by making or using untrue or misleading statements to induce consumers to purchase credit repair services, including, but not limited to, the representation that Defendants can improve substantially most consumers' credit reports or profiles by permanently removing negative information from consumers' credit reports, even where such information is accurate and not obsolete;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, whether directly or indirectly, or through any corporation, business entity, or person under their control, are hereby restrained and enjoined from assisting others who violate any provision of the CROA, including, but not limited to, the specific violations contained in Paragraphs A and B of this Section.

III.

DISABLEMENT OF DEFENDANTS' WEB SITE

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, immediately upon service of this Order upon them, Defendants, and their officers, agents, directors, servants, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns, and all other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, and any other person or entity served with a copy of this Order, shall:

- A. Immediately take whatever action is necessary to ensure that any Web site used by Defendants for the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or provision of any credit repair services, and containing statements or representations prohibited by Sections I and II of this Order, including, but not limited to, www.badcreditbgone.com, cannot be accessed by the public;
- B. Prevent the destruction or erasure of any Web site used by Defendants for the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or provision of any credit repair services, including, but not limited to, www.badcreditbgone.com, by preserving such Web sites in the format in which they are maintained currently; and
- C. Immediately notify counsel for the Commission of any other Web sites operated or controlled by Defendants.

IV.

POSTING NOTICE OF LAWSUIT ON WEB SITE

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, immediately upon service of this Order upon them, Defendants, and their officers, agents, directors, servants, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns, and all other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, and any other person or entity served with a copy of this Order, shall immediately take whatever action is necessary to ensure that any Web site disabled as ordered by Section III.A of this Order, shall prominently display only the following statement:

The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") has filed a lawsuit against Bad Credit B Gone and Joseph A. Graziola, III, alleging that they have engaged in deceptive practices relating to the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or provision of credit repair services. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois has issued a preliminary injunction prohibiting the alleged practices. You may obtain additional information directly from the FTC.

Each Web site carrying this message shall also provide a hypertext link to the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov, or other home page designated by counsel for the Commission.

V.

ASSET FREEZE

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, and their officers, agents, directors, servants, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns, and all other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, except as provided in Section VI below, as stipulated by the parties, or as directed

by further order of the Court, are hereby restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Selling, liquidating, assigning, transferring, converting, loaning, encumbering, pledging, concealing, dissipating, spending, withdrawing, or otherwise disposing of any funds, real or personal property, or other assets or any interest therein, wherever located, including any assets outside the territorial United States, which are:
 - 1. in the actual or constructive possession of any Defendant;
 - 2. owned or controlled by, or held, in whole or in part, for the benefit of, or subject to access by, or belonging to, any Defendant; or
 - 3. in the actual or constructive possession of, or owned or controlled by, or subject to access by, or belonging to, any corporation, partnership, trust or any other entity directly or indirectly owned, managed, or controlled by, or under common control with, any Defendant, including, but not limited to, any assets held by or for any Defendant at any bank or savings and loan institution, or with any broker-dealer, escrow agent, title company, commodity trading company, precious metal dealer, payment service provider, or other financial institution or depository of any kind including, but not limited to, assets at Commerce Bank and DNB First Bank.
- B. Opening or causing to be opened any safe deposit boxes or storage facilities titled in the name of any Defendant, or subject to access by any Defendant or under any Defendant's control, without providing Plaintiff prior notice and an opportunity to inspect the contents in order to determine that they contain no assets covered by this Section;
- C. Incurring charges or cash advances on any credit card issued in the name, singly or jointly, of any Defendant;

D. Cashing any checks or depositing any payments received from customers of Defendants;

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- E. Transferring any fund or other assets subject to this Order for attorney's fees or living expenses, except from accounts or other assets identified by prior written notice to the Commission; *provided* that no attorney's fees or living expenses, other than those set forth in Subsection F of this Section, and only in accordance with the procedures set forth in Subsection F of this Section, shall be paid from funds or other assets subject to this Order until the financial statements required by Section XIII are provided to counsel for the Commission;
- F. Notwithstanding the above, any Defendant may pay from his personal funds reasonable, usual, ordinary, and necessary living expenses and attorney's fees, not to exceed \$1,000, prior to the submission of the financial statements required by Section XIII. No such expenses, however, shall be paid from funds subject to this Order except from cash on the person of any Defendant, or from an account designated by prior written notice to counsel for the Commission; and
- G. The funds, property and assets affected by this Section shall include both existing assets and assets acquired after the effective date of this Order, including without limitation, those acquired by loan or gift. Defendants shall hold all assets, including without limitation, payments, loans, and gifts, received after service of this Order.

VI.

DUTIES OF ASSET HOLDERS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pending determination of the Commission's request

for a permanent injunction, any financial institution, or any person or other entity served with a copy of this Order shall:

- A. Hold and retain within such entity's or person's control, and prohibit the withdrawal, removal, assignment, transfer, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, disbursement, dissipation, conversion, sale, liquidation, or other disposal of any funds, documents, property, or other assets held by or under such entity's or person's control:
 - on behalf of, or for the benefit of, any Defendant or other party subject to
 Section V above;
 - 2. in any account maintained in the name of, or subject to withdrawal by, any Defendant or other party subject to Section V above;
 - 3. that are subject to access or use by, or under the signatory power of, any Defendant or other party subject to Section V above;
 - B. Deny access to any safe deposit boxes or storage facilities that are either:
 - titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant or other party subject to Section V above; or
 - subject to access by any Defendant or other party subject to Section V
 above;
- C. Provide to counsel for the Commission, within three (3) business days, a statement setting forth:
 - 1. the identification of each account or asset titled in the name, individually or jointly, or held on behalf of, or for the benefit of, any Defendant or other party subject to Section V above, whether in whole or in part;

- 2. the balance of each such account, or a description of the nature and value of such asset;
- 3. the identification of any safe deposit box or storage facility that is either titled in the name of, individually or jointly, or is otherwise subject to access or control by, any Defendant or other party subject to Section V above, whether in whole or in part; and
- 4. if the account, safe deposit box, storage facility, or other asset has been closed or removed, the date closed or removed and the balance on said date;
- D. The accounts subject to this provision include existing assets and assets deposited after the effective date of this Order. This Section shall not prohibit transfers in accordance with any provision of this Order, or any further order of the Court; and
- E. The Commission is granted leave, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45, to subpoena documents immediately from any such financial institution, account custodian, or other entity concerning the nature, location, status, and extent of Defendants' assets, as well as compliance with this Order, and such financial institution, account custodian or other entity shall respond to such subpoena within five (5) business days after service.

VII.

REPATRIATION OF FOREIGN ASSETS AND DOCUMENTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if they have not done so already in compliance with

the Court's TRO entered on January 19, 2006, Defendants, within three (3) business days following entry of this Order, shall:

- A. Repatriate to the United States all documents and assets that are located outside of such territory and are held by or for Defendants or are under Defendants' direct or indirect control, jointly, severally, or individually;
- B. Provide Plaintiff with a full accounting of all documents and assets that are located outside of the territory of the United States or that have been transferred to the territory of the United States pursuant to Subsection A above and are held by or for any Defendant or are under any Defendant's direct or indirect control, jointly, severally, or individually, including the names and addresses of any foreign or domestic financial institution or other entity holding the assets, along with the account numbers and balances;
- C. Hold and retain all repatriated documents and assets and prevent any transfer, disposition, or dissipation whatsoever of any such documents or assets;

Provided, however, Defendants may transfer any repatriated documents to the Commission as required by this Order; and

D. Provide Plaintiff access to Defendants' records and documents held by financial institutions or other entities outside the territorial United States, by signing and delivering to Plaintiff's counsel the Consent to Release of Financial Information attached to the Court's TRO as **Attachment A**.

VIII.

INTERFERENCE WITH REPATRIATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants are hereby restrained and enjoined from taking any action, directly or indirectly, which may result in the encumbrance or dissipation of foreign assets, or in the hindrance of the repatriation required by the preceding Section of this Order, including, but not limited to:

- A. Sending any statement, letter, facsimile, e-mail or wire transmission, or telephoning or engaging in any other act, directly or indirectly, that results in a determination by a foreign trustee or other entity that a "duress" event has occurred under the terms of a foreign trust agreement, until such time that all assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to the preceding Section of this Order; and
- B. Notifying any trustee, protector or other agent of any foreign trust or other related entities of either the existence of this Order, or of the fact that repatriation is required pursuant to a Court Order, until such time as all assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to the preceding Section of this Order.

IX.

RECORD KEEPING/MAINTAINING BUSINESS RECORDS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, and their officers, agents, directors, servants, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns, and all other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, are hereby restrained and enjoined from:

A. Failing to make and keep books, records, accounts, bank statements, current

accountants' reports, general ledgers, general journals, cash receipts ledgers, cash disbursements ledgers and source documents, documents indicating title to real or personal property, and any other data which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of Defendants; and

B. Destroying, erasing, mutilating, concealing, altering, transferring or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, directly or indirectly, contracts, agreements, customer files, customer lists, customer addresses and telephone numbers, correspondence, advertisements, brochures, sales material, training material, sales presentations, documents evidencing or referring to Defendants' products or services, data, computer tapes, disks, or other computerized records, books, written or printed records, handwritten notes, telephone logs, "verification" or "compliance" tapes or other audio or video tape recordings, receipt books, invoices, postal receipts, ledgers, personal and business canceled checks and check registers, bank statements, appointment books, copies of federal, state or local business or personal income or property tax returns, and other documents or records of any kind, including electronically-stored materials, that relate to the business practices or business or personal finances of Defendants or other entities directly or indirectly under the control of Defendants.

X.

DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants shall immediately provide a copy of this Order to each affiliate, partner, division, sales entity, successor, assign, officer, director, employee, independent contractor, attorney, client company, agent, and/or representative of any Defendant. Within ten (10) calendar days following service of this Order by Plaintiff,

Defendants shall serve on Plaintiff an affidavit identifying the name, title, address, telephone number, date of service, and manner of service of each person or entity Defendants served with a copy of this Order in compliance with this provision.

XI.

SERVICE OF ORDER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order may be served by facsimile transmission, personal or overnight delivery, or by U.S. Mail, by agents and employees of the Commission or any state, federal or international law enforcement agency, or by private process server, on: (1) Defendants; (2) any financial institution, entity, or person that holds, controls, or maintains custody of any documents or assets of any Defendant, or that held, controlled, or maintained custody of any documents or assets of any Defendant; or (3) any other person or entity that may be subject to any provision of this Order. Service upon any branch or office of any financial institution or entity shall effect service upon the entire financial institution or entity.

XII.

CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Section 604(a)(1) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(a)(1), any consumer reporting agency may furnish a consumer report concerning any Defendant to the Commission.

XIII.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if they have not done so already in compliance with the Court's TRO entered on January 19, 2006, each Defendant, within forty-eight (48) hours after entry of this Order, shall provide to counsel for the Commission:

- A. Completed financial statements on the forms attached to the Court's TRO as **Attachments B** and **C**, for themselves individually and for each business entity under which they conduct business, or of which they are an officer, and for each trust of which they are a trustee. The financial statements shall be accurate as of the date of their completion;
- B. A completed statement, verified under oath, of all payments, transfers, or assignments of funds, assets, or property worth \$5,000 or more since January 1, 2004. Such statement shall include: (a) the amount transferred or assigned; (b) the name of each transferee or assignee; (c) the date of the assignment or transfer; and (d) the type and amount of consideration paid by or to the Defendant. Each statement shall specify the name and address of each financial institution and brokerage firm at which Defendant has accounts or safe deposit boxes. Said statements shall include assets held in foreign as well as domestic accounts; and
- C. A completed accounting of all gross and net profits obtained from, derived from, or related in any way to the advertising, marketing, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or provision of credit repair services.

XIV.

EXPEDITED DISCOVERY

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, notwithstanding the provisions of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26(d) and (f) and 30(a)(2)(C), and pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30(a), 34, and 45, Plaintiff is granted leave, at any time after service of this Order, to:

- A. Take the deposition, on three (3) calendar days' notice, of any person, whether or not a party, for the purpose of discovering the nature, location, status, and extent of the assets of Defendants, or their affiliates or subsidiaries; the nature and location of documents reflecting Defendants' business transactions, or the business transactions of Defendants' affiliates or subsidiaries; the location of any premises where Defendants, directly or through any third party, conduct business operations; Defendants' whereabouts; and/or the applicability of any evidentiary privileges to this action. The limitations and conditions set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(B) and 31(a)(2)(B) regarding subsequent depositions of an individual shall not apply to depositions taken pursuant to this Section. Any such depositions taken pursuant to this Section shall not be counted toward the ten (10) deposition limit set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A). Service of discovery upon a party, taken pursuant to this Section, shall be sufficient if made by facsimile or by overnight delivery; and
- B. Demand the production of documents, on five (5) calendar days' notice, from any person, whether or not a party, relating to the nature, status, or extent of Defendants' assets, or of their affiliates or subsidiaries; the location of documents reflecting the business transactions of Defendants, or of their affiliates or subsidiaries; the location of any premises where Defendants, directly or through any third party, conduct business operations; Defendants' whereabouts; and/or the applicability of any evidentiary privileges to this action, provided that twenty-four

(24) hours' notice shall be deemed sufficient for the production of any such documents that are maintained or stored only as electronic data.

XV.

CREATION OF OTHER BUSINESSES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants are hereby restrained and enjoined from creating, operating, or controlling any business entity, whether newly-formed or previously inactive, including any partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, or corporation, without first providing the Commission with a written statement disclosing: (1) the name of the business entity; (2) the address and telephone number of the business entity; (3) the names of the business entity's officers, directors, principals, managers, and employees; and (4) a detailed description of the business entity's intended activities.

XVI.

PROHIBITION ON DISCLOSING CUSTOMER INFORMATION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants, and their officers, agents, directors, servants, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns, and all other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or through any trust, corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, or any of them, are hereby restrained and enjoined from:

A. Selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing the name, address, telephone number, social security number, or other identifying information of any person who purchased or paid for credit repair services at any time prior to the date this Order is entered; and

B. Benefitting from or using the name, address, telephone number, credit card number, bank account number, date of birth, email address, or other identifying or financial information of any person who submitted this information to Defendants as a result of, or otherwise related to, the activities alleged in the FTC's Complaint;

Provided, however, that Defendants may disclose identifying information to a law enforcement agency or as required by any law, regulation, or court order.

XVII.

DUTIES OF THIRD PARTIES PROCESSING PAYMENTS FOR DEFENDANTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pending determination of the Plaintiff's request for a permanent injunction, any automated clearing house, network transaction processor, business entity or person providing any services or assistance in processing Defendants' customer payments, including, but not limited to, payments made by bank account debits or check, for any of the Defendants, and which is served with a copy of this Order, or otherwise has actual knowledge of this Order, is hereby restrained and enjoined from providing any assistance in the processing of any payments made by consumers to any of the Defendants.

XVIII.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH AND NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for purposes of this Order, all correspondence and pleadings to the Commission shall be addressed to:

William J. Hodor, Esq. Federal Trade Commission 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 1860 Chicago, Illinois 60603 (312) 960-5600 [facsimile]

XIX. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this _2nd____ day of _February, 2006, at _10:00 a.m.

United States District Judge