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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

12 CHRISTOPHER SANTANDER,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 GENERAL REVENUE
16 CORPORATION, INC., and DOES 1
17 through 10 inclusive,

18 Defendant.
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COMPLAINT

1. Violation of the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act;
2. Violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act;

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21 **INTRODUCTION**

22 1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for
23 Defendant’s violations of the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Cal
24 Civ. Code §1788, *et seq.* (hereinafter “RFDCPA”) and Fair Debt Collection
25 Practices Act (“FDCPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*, which prohibit debt collectors
26 from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair practices.
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1 **PARTIES**

2 2. Plaintiff CHRISTOPHER SANTANDER (“Plaintiff”), a natural
3 person who at all times herein mentioned was a resident of the City of Baldwin
4 Park, County of Los Angeles, and State of California and is a and is a “consumer”
5 as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3) and is a “debtor” as defined by
6 Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(h).

7 3. At all relevant times herein, Defendant, General Revenue
8 Corporation, Inc., (hereinafter “Defendant”) was a company engaged, by use of
9 mails and telephone, in the business of collecting a debt from Plaintiff which
10 qualifies as a “debt” as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(5) and a “consumer debt” as
11 defined by Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(f). Defendant regularly attempts to collect
12 debts alleged to be due another, and therefore is a “debt collector” as defined by
13 the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6), and RFDCPA, Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(c).

14 4. Plaintiff does not know the true names and capacities, whether
15 corporate, partnership, associate, individual or otherwise, of Defendants sued
16 herein as Does 1 through 10, inclusive, and therefore names said Defendants
17 under provisions of *Section 474 of the California Code of Civil Procedure*.

18 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges that
19 Defendants Does 1 through 10 are in some manner responsible for acts,
20 occurrences and transactions set forth herein and are legally liable to Plaintiff.

21 **JURISDICTION**

22 6. This Court has jurisdiction under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d) and 28 U.S.C.
23 § 1331, since the claims alleged against the Defendant arose under the FDCPA.
24 This court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff’s state law claims contained
25 herein.

26 7. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) & (b)(2),
27 as a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in
28 this district.

1 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

2 8. At various and multiple times prior to the filing of the instant
3 complaint, including within the one year preceding the filing of this complaint,
4 Defendant contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect an alleged debt.

5 9. This alleged financial obligation was the result of a “consumer credit
6 transaction”, as defined by Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(e), and is therefore a
7 “consumer debt”, as defined by Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(f) and a “debt” under the
8 FDCPA.

9 10. Defendant has regularly placed calls to Plaintiff in its attempt to
10 collect the alleged debt via Plaintiff’s cellular phone.

11 11. Plaintiff has repeatedly requested that Defendant stop contacting him
12 regarding this alleged debt. Nonetheless, Defendant continued and continues to
13 call Plaintiff four or more times per day in an attempt to collect a debt.

14 12. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant violated 12 CFR Part 1006.14
15 (Regulation F) by contacting Plaintiff more than seven (7) times in seven (7)
16 consecutive days.

17 13. Defendant also contacted Plaintiff’s family member(s) on numerous
18 occasions regarding Plaintiff’s debt without Plaintiff’s or his family member(s)’
19 consent. Plaintiff alleges Defendant had no lawful basis to contact Plaintiff’s
20 family member(s).

21 **COUNT I: VIOLATION OF THE ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT**
22 **COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

23 14. Plaintiff reincorporates paragraphs 1 through 13 as if fully written
24 herein.

25 15. § 1788.17 of the RFDCPA mandates that every debt collector
26 collecting or attempting to collect a consumer debt shall comply with the
27 provisions of Sections 1692b to 1692j, inclusive, of, and shall be subject to the
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1 remedies in Section 1692k of, Title 15 of the United States Code statutory
2 regulations contained within the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692d, and § 1692d(5).

3 16. Defendant's conduct violated the RFDCPA in multiple ways,
4 including but not limited to:

5 a) Communicating, by telephone or in person, with plaintiff with such
6 frequency as to be unreasonable and to constitute a harassment to
7 Plaintiff under the circumstances (Cal. Civ. Code §1788.11(c));

8 b) Causing a telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously to annoy
9 Plaintiff (Cal. Civ. Code §1788.11(d));

10 c) Committed any conduct the natural consequence of which is to
11 harass, oppress, or abuse any person (Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.11(e));

12 d) Contacting someone other than the consumer regarding the
13 consumer's debt letter (15 U.S.C. § 1692c(b)).

14 e) Contacting consumer by telephone after receipt of a written cease and
15 desist letter (15 U.S.C. § 1692c(c)).

16 f) Any conduct that the natural consequence of which is to harass,
17 oppress, or abuse any person (15 U.S.C. § 1692d).

18 17. As a result of the above violations of the RFDCPA, Plaintiff suffered
19 and continues to suffer injury to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation,
20 embarrassment, mental anguish and emotional distress, and Defendant is liable to
21 Plaintiff for Plaintiff's actual damages, statutory damages, and costs and
22 attorney's fees.

23 18. To the extent that Defendant's actions, counted above, violated the
24 RFDCPA, those actions were done knowingly and willingly.

PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A JURY TRIAL

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