

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO

STATE OF OHIO, ex rel.

MICHAEL DEWINE

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OHIO

Plaintiff,

v.

2 GUYS SELLING CARS, LLC, et al.

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2018 CV 00620

JUDGE DAVID A. TRIMMER

JUDGMENT ENTRY GRANTING
DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST
DEFENDANTS 2 GUYS SELLING
CARS, LLC AND ROBERT A.
VENTRESCO

This cause came to be heard upon Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment against Defendants Robert A. Ventresco ("Ventresco") and 2 Guys Selling Cars, LLC ("2 Guys") ("Defendants") pursuant to Civ. R. 55(A). Defendants were properly served in this matter, have failed to file an answer to Plaintiff's Complaint, and have failed to defend against this motion or appear before the Court in any manner. Defendant Ventresco is not active duty military, a reservist in active Federal service or a National Guardsman in active service. The Court finds the motion well taken and hereby grants and sustains Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment. The Court, based on that motion, and Plaintiff's Complaint, hereby renders the following Default Judgment Entry and Order against Defendants Ventresco and 2 Guys.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Defendant Ventresco is an individual who, upon information and belief, resides at 6535 Brandt Road, Carroll, Ohio 43112.
2. Defendant Ventresco owned and operated Defendant 2 Guys, and dominated, controlled and directed the business activities and sales conduct of 2 Guys, and exercised the authority to establish, implement or alter the policies of 2 Guys, and committed, allowed,

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directed, ratified or otherwise caused the following unlawful acts to occur.

3. Defendants were at all times relevant to this action engaged in the business of soliciting, promoting, purchasing, selling, financing and collecting the proceeds of the sales of used motor vehicles from their location in Carroll to consumers residing in Fairfield and other counties
4. Defendants solicited individual consumers to enter into consumer transactions, specifically for the sale of used motor vehicles.
5. At all relevant times hereto, Defendants held dealer permit #UD021610 issued by the State of Ohio under R.C. 4517.01 *et seq.*, allowing them to engage in the business of displaying or selling at retail or wholesale used motor vehicles.
6. At all relevant times hereto, Defendants were displaying or selling used motor vehicles at the 2 Guys location.
7. Defendants failed to file applications for certificates of title within Thirty (30) days after the assignment or delivery of a motor vehicle.
8. Defendants failed to obtain certificates of title on or before the Fortieth (40th) day after the sale of motor vehicles.
9. Title Defect Recision consumer claims totaling \$57,863.98 were paid from the Title Defect Recision Fund, administered by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, after Defendants failed to obtain certificates of title on or before the Fortieth (40th) day after the sale of the motor vehicles.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter, issues and parties to this action and venue is proper.
2. The business practices of the Defendants, as described herein and in Plaintiff's Complaint, are governed by the Consumer Sales Practices Act, R.C. 1345.01 et seq.
3. The Ohio Attorney General, acting on behalf of the citizens of Ohio, and in the best interest of this state, is the proper party to commence this action under the authority of the Consumer Sales Practices Act, R.C. 1345.07, and by virtue of his authority to protect the interests of the citizens of the State of Ohio.
4. Defendants were "supplier(s)" as that term is defined in R.C. 1345.01(C), as they engaged in the business of effecting "consumer transactions" by soliciting consumers for the sale and repair of motor vehicles for a fee, within the meaning of R.C. 1345.01(A).
5. Defendants have committed unfair and deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Consumer Sales Practices Act, R.C. 1345.02(A), by:
 - A. failing to file applications for certificates of title within Thirty (30) days after the assignment or delivery of motor vehicles as required by R.C. 4505.06(A)(5)(b).
 - B. selling motor vehicles to consumers, in the ordinary course of business, and then failing to obtain certificates of title on or before the Fortieth (40th) day of sale of the motor vehicles as required by R.C. 4505.181(B)(1).
6. The acts or practices described in Conclusions of Law ¶¶5A-B have been previously determined by Ohio courts to violate the Consumer Sales Practices Act, R.C.

1345.01 et seq. Defendants committed said violations after such decisions were available for public inspection pursuant to R.C. 1345.05(A)(3).

7. Defendant Ventresco is personally liable as he was the owner of 2 Guys and dominated, controlled and directed the business activities and sales conduct of 2 Guys. Defendant Ventresco exercised the authority to establish, implement or alter the policies of 2 Guys, and committed, allowed, directed, ratified or otherwise caused the unlawful acts to occur.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. Plaintiff's request for Declaratory Judgment is GRANTED, and it is therefore DECLARED that the acts and practices set forth above violate the Consumer Sales Practices Act in the manner set forth therein.
2. Defendants are PERMANENTLY ENJOINED from engaging in any consumer transactions in the State of Ohio as an auto dealer until all financial obligations ordered in this matter are satisfied in their entirety.
3. Defendants under their own names or any other name, their agents, representatives, salespeople, employees, successors and assigns, and all persons acting on behalf of them directly or indirectly, through any corporate or private device, partnership or association, are PERMANENTLY ENJOINED from engaging in the acts or practices of which Plaintiff complains and from further violating the Consumer Sales Practices Act, R.C. 1345.01 et seq. and the Substantive Rules enacted thereunder.
4. Defendants are ORDERED TO PAY, jointly and severally, fifty-seven thousand eight hundred sixty-three dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$57,863.98) to the Ohio Attorney General to reimburse the Title Defect Recision Fund.

5. Defendants are ORDERED TO PAY, jointly and severally, a civil penalty of \$50,000.00 pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(D).
6. Within seven days of the filing of this decision, all payments shall be made by delivering a certified check or money order payable to the "Ohio Attorney General" and sent c/o Consumer Protection Compliance Officer, 30 E. Broad St., 14th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
7. Defendant Ventresco is prohibited from applying for, being granted, or maintaining a salesperson or auto dealer license under Chapter 4517 of the Revised Code.
8. This Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcement, or for inclusion of a consumer restitution Order, in the event additional consumer complaints are filed with the Plaintiff.
9. Defendants are ORDERED to pay, jointly and severally, all court costs of this action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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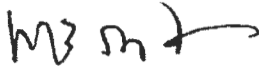
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Pursuant to Civ.R. 53(B), the Clerk is hereby directed to serve upon all parties not in default for failure to appear, notice of this Judgment and its date of entry upon the journal. This is a final appealable order.

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