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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO, EX REL ATTORNEY GENERAL
DAVE YOST
Plaintiff

Case No: CV-25-125867

Judge: SHERRIE MIDAY

EXQUISITE EVENT CENTER, LLC, ET AL
Defendant

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PLAINTIFF,)	JUDGE SHERRIE MIDAY
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v.)	DEFAULT JUDGMENT ENTRY
)	AND ORDER AND ORDER FOR
EXQUISITE EVENT CENTER,)	DAMAGES AND OTHER
LLC, ET. AL,)	REQUESTED RELIEF
)	
DEFENDANTS)	

Plaintiff, the State of Ohio, commenced this action on October 6, 2025, filing its Complaint against Defendants Exquisite Event Center, LLC (“Exquisite”), Jaylin L. Hines Mitchell (“Mitchell”) and Jahla I. Smith (“Smith”, and, collectively, “Defendants”). The Complaint alleged violations of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act (“CSPA”), R.C. 1345.01 *et seq.*, and its Substantive Rules, Ohio Adm.Code 109:4-3-01 *et seq.*, and sought declaratory relief, injunctive relief, restitution to injured consumers, and civil penalties.

Plaintiff moved for default judgment on December 10, 2025. Defendants failed to respond. On January 16, 2026, Plaintiff filed a Memorandum in Support of Damages and Other Requested Relief (“Damages Memo”), in which Plaintiff submitted evidence, including an investigator affidavit, supporting the amount of consumer damages and civil penalties that Plaintiff was requesting. In her affidavit, Investigator Erin Hall attested to the damages the consumers suffered. The evidence established that the consumers sustained monetary damages after Defendants failed to provide the services for which Defendants accepted the consumers’ payments, and that

Defendants made misrepresentations as to the status of refunds of the consumers' down payments. The Court finds that the consumers sustained damages in the amount of \$1,620.00.

In its Damages Memo, Plaintiff also justified the request for a \$5,000.00 civil penalty for each of the three Defendants. Plaintiff requested the civil penalty pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(D) and provided evidence of the Defendants' violations of the CSPA sufficient to warrant imposing a civil penalty. The Court finds Plaintiff's request for a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00 for each of the three Defendants to be well-taken.

Based on the evidence presented, the Court finds the Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment against Defendants to be well taken and hereby GRANTS the Motion pursuant to Civ.R. 55(A). The Court makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Defendant Exquisite offered event center rentals for large group events such as wedding showers and baby showers.
2. Defendants' business operated out of a property located at 4753 Northfield Road, Units 6, 7 and 8, North Randall, OH 44128.
3. Defendants Mitchell and Smith executed a Commercial Lease agreement on behalf of Defendant Exquisite in order to occupy the event center space at 4753 Northfield Road, Units 6, 7 and 8, North Randall, OH 44128.
4. Defendant Mitchell signed the Articles of Organization filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on behalf of Defendant Exquisite.
5. Defendants Mitchell and Smith met with consumers at the event center venue to advertise the facility and, in some instances, enter into contracts for rental of the space.

6. Defendants represented to consumers that the event center would be made available to the consumers at the agreed date and time for the purpose of hosting large group parties such as wedding showers and baby showers.
7. Defendant Smith accepted down payments for the party center rentals from consumers.
8. Defendants represented to consumers that they would provide the event center venue at a certain date and time and then failed to provide such services at the time promised.
9. Defendants have refused to refund consumers' deposits or payments despite consumers' requests for refunds.
10. In some instances, Defendants Mitchell and Smith offered to issue a refund of consumers' deposits and then failed to do so.
11. Defendants' failure to provide event center rental services as were contracted for has resulted in harm to consumers.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12. Jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action lies with this Court pursuant to R.C. 1345.04 of the CSPA.
13. This Court has venue to hear this case pursuant to Ohio Civ.R. 3(C) (3), in that Cuyahoga County is the county where Defendants are located and conducted activity giving rise to the claims for relief.
14. The Attorney General is the proper party to commence these proceedings in the public interest and on behalf of the State of Ohio under the authority vested in him by R.C. 1345.01 *et seq.*
15. Defendants are "suppliers," as they engaged in the business of effecting "consumer transactions" by soliciting "consumers" either directly or indirectly for a service, including

party center rentals, for purposes that were primarily for personal, family, or household use, as those terms are defined by R.C. 1345.01(A), (C), and (D).

16. Defendants Mitchell and Smith at all times pertinent hereto, controlled and directed the business activities and sales conduct of Defendant Exquisite causing, personally participating in, or ratifying the acts and practices of Defendant Exquisite including the conduct giving rise to the violations described herein.

17. Defendants committed unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Failure to Deliver Rule, Ohio Adm.Code 109:4-3-09(A), and the CSPA, R.C. 1345.02(A), by accepting money from consumers for services and then permitting eight weeks to elapse without providing the services ordered, making a full refund, advising the consumers of the duration of an extended delay and offering to send a refund within two weeks if so requested, or furnishing similar services of equal or greater value as a good faith substitute.

18. Defendants committed unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the CSPA, R.C. 1345.02(A), by misrepresenting the status of consumers' refunds.

ORDER

For the purposes of affecting this Default Judgment Entry and Order, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that:

- A. Plaintiff's request for Declaratory Judgment is GRANTED, and it is therefore DECLARED that the acts and practices set forth above violate the CSPA, R.C. 1345.01 *et seq.*, and its Substantive Rules, Ohio Adm.Code 109:4-3-01 *et seq.* in the manner set forth herein.
- B. Defendants, individually or doing business under any other names, their agents, employees, successors or assigns, and all persons acting in concert and participation with them, directly or indirectly, through any corporate device, partnership, or other association, under these or any

other names, are hereby PERMANENTLY ENJOINED from engaging in the acts and practices of which Plaintiff complains and from further violating the CSPA, R.C. 1345.01 *et seq.*, and its Substantive Rules, Ohio Adm.Code 109:4-3-01 *et seq.*.

- C. Defendants, individually and doing business under any other names, are hereby PERMANENTLY ENJOINED from engaging in business as a Supplier in any consumer transaction in the State of Ohio until such time as they have satisfied all monetary obligations ordered by this Court, and any other Court in Ohio, in connection with a consumer transaction.
- D. Pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(B), Defendants are jointly and severally liable for, and ORDERED to pay consumer damages in the total amount of \$1,620.00 to the Consumer Protection Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office to be deposited into the Consumer Protection Section's holding account for distribution to the following three consumers in the amounts identified:
- 1) Shaunte Talton - \$675.00
 - 2) Tiffanie Howard - \$480.00
 - 3) Ericka Thomas - \$465.00
- E. Based on the above findings that Defendants committed unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of the CSPA, each Defendant is ORDERED, pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(D), to pay a civil penalty to the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be deposited into the Consumer Protection Enforcement Fund, with one-fourth the amount collected to go to the Cuyahoga County Treasurer, pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(G).
- F. The money due to the Attorney General's Office under Paragraphs D and E of this judgment shall be paid within seven days of the entry of this judgment by delivering a certified check or money order payable to the Ohio Attorney General's Office to:

Financial Specialist
Consumer Protection Section

Office of the Ohio Attorney General
30 E. Broad St., 14th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

G. Defendants are ORDERED to pay Plaintiff's costs in bringing this action, including, but not limited to, the costs of collecting on any judgment awarded.

H. Defendants are ORDERED to pay all court costs.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

January 28, 2026
DATE

Sherrie Miday
JUDGE SHERRIE MIDAY

TO THE CLERK:

Please mail copies of the foregoing Default Judgment Entry and Order to the Defendants at the following addresses:

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