UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	24 CV 62 STATES DISTRICT COUP,
GUY C. GIANCARLO,	JAN 16 2024  WESTERN DISTRICT OF MY
Plaintiff,	COMPLAINT
vs.	
AFNI, INC.,	Jury Trial Demanded
Defendant.	

## INTRODUCTION

- 1. This action seeks redress for collection practices that violate the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. (the "FDCPA").
- 2. Since the conduct of Defendant complained of herein is unlawful under New York General Business Law § 349(h) ("GBL § 349(h)"), which declares as unlawful deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of business, trade, or commerce in New York, Plaintiff also seeks redress under GBL § 349(h).

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 3. The Court has jurisdiction to grant the relief sought by Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k, GBL § 349(h), and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1367.
- 4. Venue in this District is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), in that Defendant directed its collection efforts toward Plaintiff in the District.

## **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff is an individual who resides in the County of Erie, State of New York, which is a county situated within the Western District of New York.
- 6. Plaintiff is an attorney admitted to practice before this Court, as well as the Courts of the State of New York. Plaintiff represents himself in this action.
- 7. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3), in that Defendant sought to collect from him a purported debt incurred for personal, family or household purposes.
- 8. Defendant maintains its principal office at 404 Brock Drive, Bloomington, Illinois 61701.
- 9. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined in the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), in that Defendant is engaged in the business of using the mails and other instrumentalities of interstate commerce to collect debts originally owed to others, which were incurred for personal, family or household purposes.

## **FACTS**

10. In December 2022, Defendant sent a debt collection letter via U.S. mail ("regular mail") to Plaintiff regarding a debt which Defendant purported was owed by Plaintiff. A copy of this letter, which is dated December 5, 2022, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 11. Upon information and belief, the purported debt which Defendant was attempting to collect was incurred for telecommunication services used for personal, family or household purposes.
- 12. Defendant's letter of December 5, 2022, included the following instructions and representations:
  - Call or write to us by January 16, 2023, to dispute all or part of the debt;
  - If you write to us by January 16, 2023, we must stop collection on any amount you dispute until we send you information that shows you owe the debt.
  - We will not submit information to a credit reporting agency about this credit obligation until the expiration of the time period described above.

## See Exhibit A, page 1.

13. In reply to Defendant's letter of December 5, 2022, Plaintiff sent an email to Defendant on January 16, 2023, to dispute the debt and to request pertinent documentation regarding it. The email stated:

I am disputing the debt that Afni, Inc. purports that I owe in its notice to me dated December 5, 2022.

I never had an account with AT&T. I want you to send to me the name and address of the original creditor. I further want you to send to me all documentation supporting your assertion as to my obligation on the debt.

14. A copy of Plaintiff's email of January 16, 2023, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

- 15. In the meantime, on the previous day, January 15, 2023, Defendant reported negatively on Plaintiff's creditworthiness to credit reporting agencies, citing the purported debt.
- 16. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a printout of an electronic credit alert Plaintiff received from the credit monitoring service offered by Chase and to which Plaintiff subscribed. The credit alert warned "[i]t looks like you received a major derogatory mark on your credit report for your account with AFNI, INC."
- 17. Notwithstanding Defendant's representation in its letter of December 5, 2022, that it would stop collection on the purported debt if Plaintiff wrote to dispute the debt by January 16, 2023 a condition which Plaintiff had satisfied (*see* Exhibit B) Defendant nevertheless continued its collection efforts.
- 18. In this regard, Defendant sent a collection notice dated January 16, 2023, to Plaintiff via regular mail. A copy of this collection notice is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 19. In the collection notice, Defendant reiterated its position as to the amount it considered due and attempted to induce Plaintiff into settling by offering to accept an amount less than the purported debt.
- 20. On January 17, 2023, prior to Plaintiff's receipt of the collection notice of January 16, 2023 (which had been sent by regular mail), Defendant sent an

email to Plaintiff. A copy of Defendant's email of January 17, 2023, is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

21. Defendant's email of January 17, 2023, included a copy of Plaintiff's email of January 16, 2023 (see Exhibit E, page 3), while the body of Defendant's email stated:

Thank you for your inquiry. We have received your dispute and are investigating. We will contact you in writing via mail with the results.

See Exhibit E, page 1.

- 22. Following Defendant's email of January 17, 2023 (and subsequent to Plaintiff's receipt of Defendant's collection notice dated January 16, 2023), Plaintiff received in the regular mail a letter from Defendant dated January 19, 2023. A copy of Defendant's letter dated January 19, 2023, is attached hereto as Exhibit F.
  - 23. Defendant's letter dated January 19, 2023, stated:

Thank you for contacting Afni, Inc. regarding your account 512188088713.

Afni, Inc. has received your identity theft claim regarding account number 512188088713. For AT&T to address your identity theft claim please fill out the attached declaration. AT&T required that the person whose name is on the account must sign the declaration. As set forth in the attached declaration, AT&T also requires a clear copy of a valid government/stated issued identification and one (1) source of proof of residency from 03-01-2022 to 03-25-2022 within twenty-one (21) days. You may submit the required documentation to:

- 24. Contrary to the premise underlying Defendant's letter dated January 19, 2023, Plaintiff *never* claimed identity theft. A review of Plaintiff's sole communication with Defendant, the email of January 16, 2023, substantiates that identity theft was not raised by Plaintiff (*see Exhibit B*).
- 25. Defendant's final communication with Plaintiff was a letter dated February 16, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit G.
- 26. In its letter dated February 16, 2023, Defendant continued its false representation that Plaintiff had raised the issue of identity theft. In this regard, the letter stated, "[i]n response to your claim of identity theft..." See Exhibit G.
- 27. Defendant's letter dated February 16, 2023, also served as its verification of the purported debt (no verification had been provided prior thereto). The letter specifically noted, "[t]his letter serves as verification of the debt." *See* Exhibit G.
- 28. As a result of the conduct of Defendant set forth hereinabove, Plaintiff suffered both economic and non-economic damages.
- 29. Plaintiff's non-economic damages include, but are not limited to, mental anguish, personal humiliation, embarrassment, and diminished reputation.

# VIOLATIONS OF THE FDCPA [15 U.S.C. §§ 1692e(10) and 1692f] FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

30. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

- 31. In its debt collection letter dated December 5, 2022, Defendant represented that it would not submit information to a credit reporting agency about the purported debt until after January 16, 2023 (see Exhibit A, page 1).
- 32. However, contrary to its representation, Defendant submitted information to a credit reporting agency on January 15, 2023 (see Exhibit C).

## **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

- 33. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 34. In its debt collection letter dated December 5, 2022, Defendant represented that if Plaintiff wrote to dispute the purported debt by January 16, 2023, Defendant would stop collection until Defendant provided verification (*see* Exhibit A, page 1).
- 35. On January 16, 2023, Plaintiff emailed Defendant to dispute the purported debt (see Exhibit B).
- 36. By letter dated February 16, 2023, Defendant provided the verification (see Exhibit G).
- 37. However, contrary to its representation, Defendant did not stop its collection efforts in the interim period. In fact, Defendant attempted to induce payment through a "Collection Notice" that set forth a "Discounted Offer" (see Exhibit D).

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

- 38. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 39. In its letters dated January 19, 2023 (Exhibit F), and February 16, 2023 (Exhibit G), Defendant stated that Plaintiff was claiming identity theft.
- 40. The letter of January 19, 2023 went so far as to include a six-page form "Identity Theft Victim's Complaint and Affidavit," seeking private, detailed information about Plaintiff (see Exhibit F, pages 3 through 8).
- 41. Contrary Defendant's statements, Plaintiff *never* claimed identity theft. A review of Plaintiff's sole communication with Defendant, the email of January 16, 2023, substantiates that identity theft was not raised by Plaintiff (*see Exhibit B*).

# VIOLATIONS OF GBL § 349(h) FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH CAUSES OF ACTION

- 42. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 43. The conduct underlying the three causes of action under the FDCPA likewise constitutes causes of action under GBL § 349(h).

# **JURY DEMAND**

44. Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment in

favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant for:

- (a) actual damages;
- (b) statutory damages;
- (c) statutory attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs of suit; and
- (d) such other or further relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: January 14, 2024

Guy C. Giancarlo, Esq.

94 Ava Lane

Amherst, NY 14221

(716) 863-0620

guycgiancarlo@gmail.com

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Afni, Inc.

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PO Box 3517 Bloomington, IL 61702-3517

(877) 284-4245 from Monday – Friday 7am-7pm Central www.afnicollections.com

94 AVA LN BUFFALO NY 14221-3033

Reference: 085284940 - 01 Date: December 5, 2022

Afni, Inc. is a debt collector. We are trying to collect a debt that you owe to AT&T. We will use any information you give us to help collect the debt.

#### Our information shows:

You had an account with AT&T with account 512188088713.	nt nun	nber
As of 06-02-2022 you owed:		\$ 2,684.26
Between 06-02-2022 and today:		
You were charged this amount in interest:	+	\$ 0.00
You were charged this amount in fees:	+	\$ 0.00
You paid or were credited this amount tow the debt:	ard -	\$ 0.00
Total amount of the debt now:		\$ 2,684.26

## How can you dispute the debt?

- Call or write to us by January 16, 2023, to dispute all or part of the debt. If you do not, we will assume that our information is correct.
- If you write to us by January 16, 2023, we must stop collection on any amount you dispute until we send you information that shows you owe the debt. You may use the form below or write to us without the form. You may also include supporting documents. We accept disputes electronically at www.afnicollections.com or via email at recoveryteam@afni.com. We may furnish information about this account to your credit report. We will not submit information to a credit reporting agency about this credit obligation until the expiration of the time period described above. You may submit a dispute about information furnished at PO Box 3787, Bloomington, IL 61702.

#### What else can you do?

- Write to ask for the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor. If you write by January 16, 2023, we must stop collection until we send you that information. You may use the form below or write to us without the form. We accept such requests electronically at recoveryteam@afni.com or www.afnicollections.com.
- Go to www.cfpb.gov/debt-collection to learn more about your rights under federal law. For instance, you have the right to stop or limit how we contact you.
- Contact us about your payment options.

Notice:	See	reverse	side	for	important	information.

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DEPT 555 PO BOX 4115 CONCORD CA 94524

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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GUY GIANCARLO 94 AVA LN BUFFALO NY 14221-3033

How	do	you	want	to	respond?
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Ch	eck all that apply:
	I want to dispute the debt because I think:
	☐ This is not my debt. ☐ The amount is wrong.
	☐ The amount is wrong.
	☐ Other (please describe on reverse or attach
	additional information).
	I want you to send me the name and address
	of the original creditor.
	I enclosed this amount: \$
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Ma	ke your check payable to Afni, Inc. Include the

reference number 085284940 - 01.

Mail this form to:

Afni, Inc. PO Box 3517 Bloomington, IL 61702-3517



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## Important Information

This communication is from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. All calls may be recorded and/or monitored.

Correspondence Address: Afni, Inc. PO Box 3517, Bloomington, IL 61702 - 3517

We may furnish information about this account to your credit report. We will not submit information to a credit reporting agency about this credit obligation until the expiration of the time period listed in this letter. You may submit a dispute about information furnished at PO Box 3787, Bloomington, IL 61702.

Afni can provide to you an alternative format for this letter. If you would prefer a large print notice, please contact us at (877) 284-4245.

In accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., Afni is prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection efforts, including but not limited to: (i) the use or threat of violence; (ii) the use of obscene or profane language; and (iii) repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:

- 1. Supplemental security income, (SSI);
- 2. Social security:
- 3. Public assistance (welfare)
- 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support:
- 5. Unemployment benefits:
- 6. Disability benefits:

- 7. Workers' compensation benefits;
- 8. Public or private pensions;
- 9. Veterans' benefits:
- 10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and
- 11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

Additional Information Regarding Dispute of Reference No. 085284940 - 01





Guy Giancarlo < guycgiancarlo@gmail.com>

Your Reference: 085284940-1

**Guy Giancarlo** <guycgiancarlo@gmail.com> To: recoveryteam@afni.com

Mon, Jan 16, 2023 at 8:09 PM

I am disputing the debt that Afni, Inc. purports that I owe in its notice to me dated December 5, 2022.

I never had an account with AT&T. I want you to send to me the name and address of the original creditor. I further want you to send to me all documentation supporting your assertion as to my obligation on the debt.

Yours truly, Guy C. Giancarlo 94 Ava Lane Buffalo, NY 14221-3033





Credit

Alerts

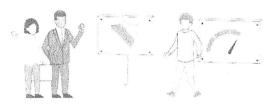
Offers

Insights

Support

# Turn on identity monitoring for free

Get notified if your data is breached or exposed on the dark web. Help keep your information safe with ID monitoring alerts.



CREDIT MONITORING

01/18/2023

#### Alert Inbox

# Account update

It looks like you received a major derogatory mark on your credit report for your account with AFNI, INC..

Keep in mind, we monitor all accounts on your credit report, not just the ones you have with Chase.

#### INFORMATION FOUND

Lender:

AFNI, INC. ①

Account

108528...

number:

Date status

01/15/2023

reported:





Office Address:

1310 Martin Luther King Drive PO Box 3517

Bloomington, IL 61702-3517

Monday - Friday 7am-7pm Central

www.afnicollections.com

(877) 284-4245

#### WHAT IS MY ACCOUNT INFORMATION?

Creditor: AT&T

Creditor Account: 512188088713

Afni, Inc. Account: 085284940-01

BALANCE DUE: \$2,684.26

#### HOW CAN I MAKE PAYMENT?

Afni accepts payment made via check, money order, check by phone or credit card.

Pay online at www.afnicollections.com.

Call (877) 284-4245.

Mail in payment using payment stub below.

January 16, 2023

Collection Notice

#### **GUY GIANCARLO:**

We are making another attempt to contact you in regards to the past due charges owed to AT&T. In an effort to assist you, we are willing to accept \$2,013.20 to resolve your account. Once you pay this discounted amount, your account will be closed and marked settled in full with Afni, Inc. and AT&T.

\*\*\*Discounted Offer: \$2,013.20\*\*\*

We are committed to helping you resolve your debt. We have many payment options that may meet your individual needs, please call us at (877) 284-4245 to discuss.

If information about this account has been furnished to the credit reporting agencies, you may submit a dispute about the information furnished to PO Box 3787, Bloomington, IL 61702. No payments should be sent to this address.

If you feel you are or have been a victim of Theft of Identity, please call AT&T for Wireline at 1-866-718-2011 and for Mobility 877-844-5584.

#### \*\*\*Additional Disclosures Below. Please Review\*\*\*

(Additional disclosures may also be printed on the back of letter.)

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3. Public assistance (welfare)

- 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
- 5. Unemployment benefits;

- 6. Disability benefits;7. Workers' compensation benefits;
- 8. Public or private pensions:

9. Veterans' benefits;

10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and

11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.





Guy Giancarlo < guycgiancarlo@gmail.com>

# Afni, Inc. acct#085284940-1

1 message

Recovery Team <Recovery Team@afni.com>
To: Guy Giancarlo <guycgiancarlo@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 2:29 PM

Dear Guy;

Thank you for your inquiry. We have received your dispute and are investigating. We will contact you in writing via mail with the results.

Recovery Team | Receivables Management

Afni, Inc. 1310 Martin Luther King Drive

Bioomington, IL 61701

e. recoveryteam@afni.com www.afnicollections.com

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7am-7pm CST

This communication is from a debt collector. If this message is in relation to the collection of the debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose. We are required under state law to notify consumers of the following rights. This does not mean that there are more or less rights afforded to a consumer in another state. This list does not contain a complete list of the rights consumers have under federal or state law.

All conversations with Afni may be recorded.

California	For requests regarding Cal. Civ. Code 1798.130(a) please call toll free number 1-877-352-0497. You can also visit our website to review our privacy policy at afnicollections.com/privacy-policy.
Colorado	Local Colorado Office: 1776 South Jackson Street, #900, Denver, CO 80210-3808, Phone 720-826-9191



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Connecticut	This collection agency is licensed in Connecticut, MLS Number: CCA-939588
Massachusetts	Notice of Important Rights:  You have the right to make a written or oral request that telephone calls regarding your debt not be made to you at your place of employment. Any such oral request will be valid for only ten days unless you provide written confirmation of the request postmarked or delivered within seven days of such request. You may terminate this request by writing to the debt collector.
Minnesota	This collection agency is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce. If you believe that you are not the person who owes this debt, please call Afni's Consumer Relations Desk at 1-866-716-1284. If your issue or concern remains unresolved, you may contact the Minnesota Attorney General's Office for assistance at 1-800-657-3787.
New York City	New York City Department of Consumer Affairs license number # 1072175 Residents of New York City may call Dave at 1-866-716-1284
North Carolina	North Carolina Department of Insurance Company Number 119501620 (Bloomington, IL)  Branch Office of Afni, Inc. addresses: 1 Felicity Center, 127 Don Mariano Marcos Ave., Quezon City, Metro Manila, PH 1126 and 7810 East Escalante Rd, Tucson, AZ 85730. Please do not send correspondence to these addresses. Please mail correspondence to the Bloomington, IL location noted in this letter.
Yonkers, NY	Residents of Yonkers may call Dave at 1-866-716-1284
Tennessee	The collection agency is licensed by the collection service board of the department of Commerce and Insurance.

From: Guy Giancarlo <guycgiancarlo@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 16, 2023 7:09 PM
To: Recovery Team <RecoveryTeam@afni.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Your Reference: 085284940-1

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I am disputing the debt that Afni, Inc. purports that I owe in its notice to me dated December 5, 2022.

I never had an account with AT&T. I want you to send to me the name and address of the original creditor. I further want you to send to me all documentation supporting your assertion as to my obligation on the debt.

Yours truly,

Guy C. Giancarlo

94 Ava Lane

Buffalo, NY 14221-3033



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DEPT 555
PO BOX 4115
CONCORD CA 94524
January 19, 2023

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Guy Giancarlo 94 AVA LN BUFFALO NY 14221-3033 1310 Martin Luther King Drive PO Box 3517 Bloomington, IL 61702-3517

RE: AT&T Account No: 512188088713 Afni Account #: 085284940-01 Balance Due: \$2.684.26

Dear Guy Giancarlo,

Thank you for contacting Afni, Inc. regarding your account 512188088713.

Afni, Inc. has received your identity theft claim regarding account number 512188088713. For AT&T to address your identity theft claim please fill out the attached declaration. AT&T requires that the person whose name is on the account must sign the declaration. As set forth in the attached declaration, AT&T also requires a clear copy of a valid government/state issued identification and one (1) source of proof of residency from 03-01-2022 to 03-25-2022 within twenty-one (21) days. You may submit the required documentation to:

Mobility:

Online (preferred):

https://link.att.com/theftdocuments

Or mail to:

AT&T Mobility Theft of Identity Center PO Box 189 Paramus, NJ 07652-0189

Once all required documentation has been received, AT&T will notify you in writing within 14 business days of the outcome of the investigation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Afni, Inc. at (866)352-0458 Monday – Friday 7am-7pm Central. This communication is from a debt collector. All conversations with Afni may be recorded.

If any information regarding this account has been furnished to the credit reporting agencies, it will be requested to be removed.



In order to resolve your disputed mm, you will need to provide two (2) forms and entification from Category I (if US citizen) or Category II (if non-U.S. citizen) and two (2) forms of proof of residency from Category III. The proof of residency documents must be from two (2) separate sources that cover the three (3) months during the following dates (03-01-2022 to 03-25-2022). You may choose from the list of acceptable documentation below:

NOTE: per AT&T, tax documents are NOT valid proof of residency. If no utilities in name, can submit pay statements, health insurance, auto insurance or a letter from employer verifying your mailing address on file for the time period listed above. Be advised they must receive 2 valid proofs of residency to process the fraud claim on your behalf. Documentation with a general date range are not acceptable.

Category I - Acceptable forms of identification for U.S. citizen	Category II - Acceptable forms of identification for non U.S. citizen				
<ul> <li>Driver's License</li> <li>Social Security Card</li> <li>Military ID</li> <li>Military DD214 Form</li> <li>Military Selective Service Card</li> <li>Birth Certificate (not a hospital record)</li> <li>Native American Reservation ID</li> <li>Passport</li> <li>State ID</li> <li>ID from place of employment</li> <li>Current Student ID</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Country ID</li> <li>Driver's License</li> <li>Military ID</li> <li>Passport</li> <li>US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) department documents:</li> <li>I-94 (Refugee arrival document) form</li> <li>I-688B (Employment Authorization Card)</li> <li>I-766 (Employment Authorization approval) document</li> <li>US Government issued VISA</li> <li>(Document will state that it is a VISA)</li> <li>Note: Alien Registration Card is not acceptable.</li> </ul>				

#### Category III - Proof of Residency

- Auto insurance policy or statement
- Bank statements
- Cable bill
- Electric bill
- Gas bill
- Health insurance policy or statement (not a medical card)
- Home owner's or renter's insurance policy or statement
- Local Telephone bill (not a bill from a long distance provider, cellular or paging company)
- Life insurance policy or statement
- Mortgage Statement
- Pay Statements from employer
- Water bill
- Prison movement documentation
- \*Rental/Lease Agreement

\*We will not accept rental receipts. The Rental/Lease agreement must be from a management company on an official lease agreement.



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# Identity Theft Victim's Complaint and Affidavit

A voluntary form for filing a report with law enforcement, and disputes with credit reporting agencies and creditors about identity theft-related problems. Visit identitytheft.gov to use a secure online version that you can print for your records.

## Before completing this form:

- 1. Place a fraud alert on your credit reports, and review the reports for signs of fraud.
- 2. Close the accounts that you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

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Credit inquiries from these companies appear on my credit report as a result of this identity

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name:

(18)

theft:

Victim's Name		_ Phone number (_	)	Page
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Name of Institution	Contact Person	Phone	Extension	(19): If there were
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☐ Governm	ent Benefits Interne	t or Email Othe	ž (*	as necessary.
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the card or withdrawn from the account.

Victim'	's Name		Phone number ()		Page 5
You	r Law Enfo	rcement Re	port		
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Did the	e victim receive	e a copy of the re	eport from the law enforcement officer?	□ Yes (	DR □No
Victim'	s FTC complai	nt number (if ava	uilable):		



Victim	's Name		Phone number (	Page 6		
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As ap a witr		ign and date IN THE PR	ESENCE OF a law enforcement officer	; a notary, or		
(21)	I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this complaint is true, correct, and complete and made in good faith. I understand that this complaint or the information it contains may be made available to federal, state, and/or local law enforcement agencies for such action within their jurisdiction as they deem appropriate. I understand that knowingly making any false or fraudulent statement or representation to the government may violate federal, state, or local criminal statutes, and may result in a fine, imprisonment, or both.					
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(22)	If you do not choose to file a report with law enforcement, you may use this form as an Identity Theft Affidavit to prove to each of the companies where the thief misused your information that you are not responsible for the fraud. While many companies accept this affidavit, others require that you submit different forms. Check with each company to see if it accepts this form. You should also check to see if it requires notarization. If so, sign in the presence of a notary. If it does not, please have one witness (non-relative) sign that you completed and signed this Affidavit. If someone has used your Social Security number (SSN) to get a tax refund or a job, or you suspect your SSN has been stolen, alert the IRS using Form 14039 at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf.					
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DEPT 555 PO BOX 4115 CONCORD CA 94524

February 16, 2023

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Guy Giancarlo 94 AVA LN

BUFFALO NY 14221-3033

1310 Martin Luther King Drive PO Box 3517

Bloomington, IL 61702-3517

Afni, Inc. Account #:

Afni, Inc. Toll Free #: Creditor:

Creditor Account #:

Balance:

085284940-01 (877) 284-4245

AT&T

512188088713 \$2,684.26

RE:

AT&T Account No: 512188088713

Balance: \$2,684.26

Dear Guy Giancarlo,

Thank you for contacting Afni, Inc. regarding your account 085284940-01.

In response to your claim of identity theft, AT&T has reviewed the information provided. AT&T has determined the account to be valid. Additionally, we have verified with the creditor the following information:

Current Creditor:

AT&T

PO BOX 2767

HOUSTON, TX 772522767

Original Creditor:

AIXI

Creditor Account #:

512188088713

Balance:

\$ 2,684.26

This letter serves as verification of the debt.

Although AT&T has determined the account to be valid, Afni will cease communication with you on this account.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us at (877) 284-4245 Monday – Friday 7am-7pm Central. Note: These are general hours and are subject to change.

This communication is from a debt collector.

All conversations with Afni may be recorded.

Sincerely,

Afni, Inc.





# **U.S. District Court**

#### **New York Western - Buffalo**

Receipt Date: Jan 16, 2024 1:06PM

GUY C GIANCARLO 94 AVA LANE AMHERST, NY 14221-3033

Rcpt. No: 100003621 Trans. Date: Jan 16, 2024 1:06PM Cashier ID: #DS

CD	Purpose	Case/Party/Defendant	Qty	Price	Amt
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		Total Due Prior to Payment:	\$405.00
		Total Tendered:	
		Total Cash Received:	\$0.00
		Cash Change Amount:	\$0.00

Comments: CIVIL CASE OPENING FILING FOR GUY C GIANCARLO 94 AVA LANE AMHERST NY 14221-3033

NOTICE: Payment by check will result in a one-time electronic fund transfer (EFT) from your account. Funds may be withdrawn within 24 hours. Only when the bank clears the check, money order, or verifies credit of funds, is the fee or debt officially paid or discharged. A \$53 fee will be charged for any returned check.

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#### **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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