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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN -- SOUTHERN DIVISION

CAROLYN STONIER,

Plaintiff,

JUDGE : Tarnow, Arthur J.

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-VS-

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

FLAGSTAR BANCORP, INC.,

Defendant.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE R. STEVEN WHALEN

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Complaint

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Personal financial information may reveal the most private details of a consumer's lifestyle or mode of living, and any improper use constitutes an invasion of privacy of the consumer. As the banking and credit industries have developed systems and computer databases for legitimate, authorized and convenient access to this private, financial information, it has become, as a consequence, more convenient for people and companies with no legitimate reason to illegally invade a person's privacy by impermissible access to consumer credit histories.
- At the heart of this lawsuit is the illegal use and access of Mrs. Stonier's credit report by
 Flagstar Bancorp, Inc. and the impermissible access to this private information granted to
 Flagstar Bancorp, Inc. by Trans Union, LLC.

- 3. The Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq restricts access and use of credit reports. This statute provides an exhaustive list of the permissible purposes and prescribes criminal penalties as well as civil for the unlawful access and use of these reports.
- 4. Users of this credit information like Flagstar Bancorp, Inc. are subject to the FCRA when they access reports and are under the highest duty to prevent unauthorized access by their agents as well as to prevent use of the information which is obtained illegally.
- 5. The FCRA expressly provides consumers with a private cause of action against the party illegally accessing the private information. For violations of these privacy provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 1681b, this impermissible access provision is enforceable via 15 U.S.C. § 1681n and 15 U.S.C. § 1681o, depending on whether the violation is found to be wilful or merely negligent.

PARTIES

- 6. Carolyn Stonier, resides in Brighton, Michigan and is the Plaintiff to this lawsuit.
- 7. Carolyn Stonier is a consumer as defined by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq ("FCRA") at §1681a(c).
- 8. Flagstar Bancorp, Inc. ("Flagstar") is a user of credit of information as contemplated by the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA")15 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.
- Flagstar does business in Michigan at 5151 Corporate Dr., Troy, MI 48098-2639, and its resident agent The Corporation Company maintains the registered office at 30600 Telegraph Rd #2345, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

JURISDICTION

10. This lawsuit, being brought pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq, presents a federal question and as such, jurisdiction arises under 28 U.S.C. §1331 and 15 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 11. Mrs. Stonier obtained a copy of her Trans Union consumer report ("the consumer report") a redacted portion of which is attached.
- That consumer report demonstrates that Flagstar accessed Mrs. Stonier's consumer report on July 27, 2005.
- 13. As a prerequisite to obtaining that consumer report, Flagstar was required to certify to Trans
 Union, LLC the credit reporting agency from which the report was obtained that Flagstar
 had a permissible purpose under the FCRA for accessing and using the consumer report.
- 14. Flagstar did not have a permissible purpose for the access and use of the report as set forth in 15 U.S.C. 1681b.
- 15. As a direct and proximate cause, Mrs. Stonier has suffered an unwarranted invasion of her privacy, which may expose her to additional improper uses of the credit report or her personal identification information.

COUNT 1 -- Fair Credit Reporting Act (Flagstar) - Negligent Violation

- 16. Mrs. Stonier incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 17. Flagstar negligently caused the impermissible access and use of Mrs. Stonier's credit report in violation of 15 U.S.C. 1681b and 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

COUNT II -- Fair Credit Reporting Act (Flagstar) - Willful Violation

- 18. Mrs. Stonier incorporates the preceding allegations by reference.
- 19. Upon information and belief, Flagstar intentionally caused the impermissible access and use of Mrs. Stonier's credit report in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1681b and 15 U.S.C. § 1681o.

JURY DEMAND

20. Mrs. Stonier demands trial by jury.

RELIEF REQUESTED

- 21. ACCORDINGLY, Mrs. Stonier respectfully requests that this Court Grant the following relief:
 - a. Assume jurisdiction over this case including all supplemental claims.
 - b. Grant actual damages.
 - c. Statutory damages.
 - d. Costs and attorney fees.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TransUnion,

Balance: Date Updated: High Balance: Terms:

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Loan Type: Remarks: (

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9332. LEE RD BRIGHTON, MI 48116 Phone number not available

Requested On: 07/27/2005 Inquiry Type: INDIVIDUAL

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identifying information they provided: CAROLYN HLL STONIER 8134 LEE RD BRIGHTON, MI 48116



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