STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

SECURITIES DIVISION 2 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING 3 SDO - 75 - 99 Whether there has been a violation of the Business Opportunity Fraud Act of the SUMMARY ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST 4 State of Washington by: 5 Americard Dispensing Corporation, Shevin Case No. 99-07-0216 Goodman, Peter Solo, their employees and agents, 6 Respondents. 7 8 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Americard Dispensing Corporation Shevin Goodman 9 Peter Solo 10 10800 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 600 Miami, FL 33161 11 12 13 14 STATEMENT OF CHARGES 15 Please take notice that the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington has reason to believe 16 that Respondents, Americard Dispensing Corporation, Shevin Goodman, and Peter Solo, have violated the 17 Business Opportunity Fraud Act and that their violations justify the entry of an order of the Securities 18 Administrator under RCW 19.110.150 to cease and desist from such violations. The Securities 19 Administrator finds that delay in ordering the Respondents to cease and desist from such violations would be 20 hazardous to the investors and to the public and that a Summary Order to Cease and Desist should be entered 21 immediately. The Securities Administrator finds as follows: 22 23

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TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT

I.

Americard Dispensing Corporation is a Florida corporation that maintains its principal business address at 10800 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 600, Miami, Florida. Americard Dispensing Corporation is the seller of an investment opportunity which offers prospective purchasers various "packages" consisting of prepaid phonecard vending machines, related prepaid phonecards, and other associated materials to enable purchasers to establish prepaid phonecard vending businesses and place the dispensing machines in locations accessible by the general public (hereinafter referred to as the "prepaid phonecard opportunity"). Shevin Goodman is the President of Americard Dispensing Corporation. Peter Solo is a sales representative of Americard Dispensing Corporation.

II.

Respondents caused to be broadcast in the State of Washington television advertisements for the prepaid phonecard opportunity in approximately late September or early October, 1998. A Seattle, Washington resident responded to one of the advertisements by calling the telephone number given in the ad and spoke with a sales representative who identified himself as Peter Solo ("Solo"). Solo made a brief sales presentation and agreed to send offering materials concerning the advertised prepaid phonecard opportunity to the resident. The Washington resident did subsequently obtain via Federal Express delivery service a disclosure document and promotional materials concerning the Americard Dispensing Corporation prepaid phonecard opportunity. The promotional materials offered prospective purchasers a choice of four "packages" (the "Bronze Plan," the "Silver Plan," the "Gold Plan," and the "Platinum Plan") which included various numbers of "Talking Phone Card Machines" and associated materials ranging in price from \$10,960 to \$23,654. The offering and promotional materials provided to the Washington resident indicated that Americard Dispensing Corporation could provide assistance in locating the dispensing machines, including but not limited to contacting stores or other locations for placement of the machines and "fully qualifying the location" for placement. Promotional materials

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"Americard has a full staff of in-house locators to assist you in obtaining the best locations for your machines." The offering materials included a balance sheet for the seller dated January 30, 1998.

In a follow-up call shortly after the resident received the package, Solo assured the Washington resident that a purchaser of the opportunity could expect to get double the amount of an investment back in the first year in net sales. Solo also made the assurance that the Washington resident could expect to have locations identified through the seller's efforts even before a machine order arrived.

Based upon the offering and promotional materials received and Solo's representations, the Seattle, Washington resident determined to purchase the package entitled the "Bronze Plan" consisting of two machines and point of purchase displays for a total of \$10,960. The resident sent a personal check for that amount and an executed "Purchase Order Form" with the terms and conditions of the purchase to Americard Dispensing Corporation on or about October 10, 1998. Shevin Goodman responded with a letter dated October 13, 1998, acknowledging the purchase. However, the Washington resident determined soon thereafter through independent investigation that it would be difficult to place the machines, both because the resident discovered that other prepaid phone cards offered higher returns to storeowners when they sold them themselves and because the resident determined that the prepaid phone card market appeared to be saturated. The Washington resident called Shevin Goodman of Americard Dispensing Corporation to cancel the order prior to shipment, but the machines were shipped despite the request. Americard Dispensing Corporation has refused to accept a return of the machines and refused to refund the purchase price.

Although Americard Dispensing Corporation had caused to be filed an application to register its prepaid phonecard opportunity with the Securities Division on September 8, 1998, a permit to offer and sell its opportunity in the state of Washington was not issued until November 30, 1998, when the application for registration was completed with the filing of current financial statements for the seller dated August 31, 1998. An analyst with the Securities Division had requested a more current financial

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statement, dated not older than three months, as a condition of registration to replace the balance sheet submitted with the original application (as was the one provided to the Washington resident) that was dated January 30, 1998. The registration permit expired on November 30, 1999, and has not subsequently been renewed.

III.

Americard Dispensing Corporation was not registered with the Washington Securities Division to offer or sell business opportunities in the state of Washington until November 30, 1998, after the sale to the Seattle, Washington resident, and is not currently registered following the expiration of its registration permit on November 30, 1999.

It is in the public interest that the offer and/or sale of the above-described prepaid phonecard opportunity in violation of the Washington Business Opportunity Fraud Act cease.

An emergency exists in that further sales of the business opportunity described above would be hazardous to investors and the public of this state.

Based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I.

The offer and/or sale of the prepaid phonecard opportunity as described in Tentative Findings of Fact I and II constitutes the offer and/or sale of a business opportunity as defined in RCW 19.110.020(1).

II.

The offer and/or sale of the prepaid phonecard opportunity as described in Tentative Findings of Fact I and II was made in violation of RCW 19.110.070(10) because Respondents failed to provide the Washington purchaser with a copy of a complete disclosure document concerning the opportunity, including but not limited to a copy of the seller's current (not more than three months old) financial statement and any amendments necessary to reflect material changes in the seller's financial condition at least forty-eight hours before the purchaser signed a business opportunity contract.

The offer and/or sale of the prepaid phonecard opportunity as described in Tentative Findings of Fact I through III was made in violation of RCW 19.110.050(1) because no business opportunity registration permit was in effect at the time of sale by Respondents to the Seattle, Washington resident.

III.

The Securities Administrator finds that this action is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors and that the public safety and welfare require emergency action.

SUMMARY ORDER

Based on the premises of the foregoing,

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY SUMMARILY ORDERED That Americard Dispensing Corporation, Shevin Goodman, Peter Solo, their employees and agents, each cease and desist from violations of RCW RCW 19.110.070(10), the provision of the Business Opportunity Fraud Act which requires a business opportunity seller to provide purchasers with a copy of a complete disclosure document concerning the opportunity sold, including but not limited to a copy of the seller's current (not more than three months old) financial statement and any amendments necessary to reflect material changes in the seller's financial condition at least forty-eight hours before the purchaser signs a business opportunity contract.

IT IS THEREFORE HEREBY SUMMARILY ORDERED That Americand Dispensing Corporation, Shevin Goodman, Peter Solo, their employees and agents, each cease and desist from violations of RCW 19.110.050(1), the registration requirement provision of the Business Opportunity Fraud Act.

AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Summary Order is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.110.150 and chapter 34.05 RCW. The Respondents may each make a written request for hearing as set forth in the Notice of

1	Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for I	meaning accompan	lying this order. A request for a hearing
2	should be in writing and sent to Deborah R.	Bortner, Securities	s Administrator, Department of Financial
3	Institutions, P.O. Box 9033, Olympia, Wash	ington 98507-9033	3 to the attention of Brad Ferber. If a
4	respondent does not request a hearing as set	forth in the Notice	e of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity
5	for Hearing, the Securities Administrator int	tends to adopt the	Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions
6	of Law as final and make this Summary Ord	ler to Cease and Do	esist permanent as to such respondent.
7	WILLFUL VIOLATION OF	F THIS ORDER IS	S A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.
8	Dated this	day of Dec	cember, 1999.
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10			Deborah R. Bortner
11			Securities Administrator
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13	Presented by: Brad Ferber	_ Approved by:	Michael E. Stevenson
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS **SECURITIES DIVISION** 2 IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING 3 SDO - 75A - 99 Whether there has been a violation of the Business Opportunity Fraud Act of the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND 4 State of Washington by: OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING 5 Americard Dispensing Corporation, Shevin Case No. 99-07-0216 Goodman, Peter Solo, their employees and agents, 6 Respondents. 7 8 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Americard Dispensing Corporation Shevin Goodman 9 Peter Solo 10 10800 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 600 Miami, FL 33161 11 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Summary Order To Cease And Desist has been filed by the 12 Department of Financial Institutions, a true and correct copy of which is attached and made a part hereof. 13 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you may file an application for an adjudicative hearing before the 14 15 Washington State Department of Financial Institutions on the Summary Order. Service of this notice is deemed complete upon deposit in the United States mail. YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE 16 17 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS NOTICE. If you demand a hearing, you will be notified of the time and place for the hearing 18 19 at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing date. 20 At the hearing, you may appear personally, and by counsel, if you desire. The hearing will be as 21 informal as is practical within the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (see chapter 34.05 RCW). 22 The hearing will be recorded. The primary concern will be getting to the truth of the matter insofar as the 23 Summary Order is concerned. Technical rules of evidence will not be binding at the hearing except for the rules of privilege recognized by law. You have the right to present evidence and witnesses in your own behalf, and to 24 cross-examine those witnesses presented in support of the Summary Order. You may require the attendance of

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3	IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation	SDO - 75B(1) - 99	
4	of the Business Opportunity Fraud Act of the State of Washington by:	APPLICATION FOR ADJUDICATIVE HEARING	
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9	THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:	Americard Dispensing Corporation 10800 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 600 Miami, FL 33161	
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12	If you wish to contest the Summary Order To C	Cease And Desist and have an adjudicative hearing, you	
13	must sign, date, and return this form within twenty (20)	days of the date you received it, to:	
14	Washington State Department of Financial Institutions		
15	Securities Division Attn: Brad Ferber		
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21	AS AUTHORIZED BY RCW 34.05.440. In that case t	he Director may proceed to resolve this matter without	
22	further notice or hearing. In such a case, the Director w	vill immediately enter an appropriate order in disposition	
23	of the Summary Order, to include prohibition against ye	our engaging in certain business practices as described in	
24	the Summary Order.		
	<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u> : Circle your desired responses to ite.	ms I, II, and III below.	
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2	I [REQUEST] [DO NOT REQUEST] a formal hearing in this matter.
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4	I [WILL] [WILL NOT] be represented by an attorney. His/her name and address are:
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7	III.
8	I [REQUEST] [DO NOT REQUEST] that a qualified interpreter be appointed at no cost to me to
9	interpret for (myself) or (my witness(es)). My, or my witness's(es'), primary language is
10	(identify language). My, or my witness's(es'), hearing impaired status
11	is(identify hearing impaired status). I understand that a
12	qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to me or to my witness(es).
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14	You have the right: To demand a hearing; to be represented by an attorney at your own expense; to
15	subpoena witnesses to the hearing or subpoena the production of books or documents and to otherwise defend
16	against the Summary Order.
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