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    FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,
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                                              EDCV. 03-0030 VAP (SGLx)
                   Plaintiff,
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              v.
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                                              STIPULATED FINAL ORDER
    SHAUN MELVILLE,
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                                              AND SETTLEMENT OF ALL
                                              CLAIMS AS TO DEFENDANT
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                                              SHAUN MELVILLE
                   Defendant.
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         The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") commenced this civil
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    action on January 11, 2003, pursuant to Section 13(b) of the
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   Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 53(b). The
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   FTC seeks permanent injunctive relief, consumer redress in the
    form of restitution and rescission of contracts, and disgorgement
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    of unjust enrichment for alleged unfair or deceptive acts or
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practices by Defendants in connection with the marketing of

international driving permits and other identification documents. The FTC and Defendant Shaun Melville hereby stipulate to this Stipulated Final Order for Permanent Injunction and Settlement of All Claims As To Defendant Shaun Melville ("Order").

## **FINDINGS**

By stipulation of the parties, the Court finds as follows:

- 1. The FTC has the authority under Sections 5(a) and 13(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a) and 53(b), to seek the relief it has requested, and the Complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against Melville.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and has jurisdiction over Melville. Venue in the Central District of California is proper.
- 4. The activities of Melville, as alleged in the Complaint, are in or affecting commerce, as defined in Section 4 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.
- 5. The FTC and Melville stipulate and agree to this Order, without trial or final adjudication of any issue of fact or law, to settle and resolve all matters in dispute arising from the Complaint to the date of entry of this Order. Melville does not admit any of the allegations set forth in the Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts.
- 6. Melville waives all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Order.

  Melville also waives any claim that he may have held under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, concerning the prosecution of this action to the date of this Order. Each settling party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees.

7. Entry of this Order is in the public interest.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. "International Driving Permit" means any document called an international driving permit, international driver's license or any variation thereof.
- B. "Identification Document" means a document made or issued by or under the authority of the United States Government, a State, political subdivision of a State, a foreign government, political subdivision of a foreign government, an international governmental or international quasi governmental organization which, when completed with information concerning a particular individual, is of a type intended or commonly accepted for the purpose of identification of individuals, including, but not limited to, driver's licenses, birth certificates, social security cards, work permits, diplomas, school transcripts, identification cards, and passports.
- C. "False Identification Document" means any document that could reasonably be confused for an identification document.
- D. "Identification Template" means any implement, impression, electronic device or computer hardware or software that is specifically configured or primarily used for making an identification document or false identification document.
- E. "Assisting others" means providing any of the following goods or services to any person or entity: (a) performing customer service functions, including but not limited to receiving or responding to consumer complaints; (b) formulating

or providing, or arranging for the formulation or provision of, any telephone sales script or any other written marketing material, including, but not limited to, the text of any Internet website, email or other electronic communication; (c) providing names of, or assisting in the generation of, potential customers; (d) performing marketing services of any kind; (e) acting as an officer or director of a business entity; or (f) supplying an international driving permit, identification document, false identification document, identification template, or related material or information, whether denoted as a real or novelty item.

ORDER

## I. BAN ON CERTAIN ACTIVITIES

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Melville, whether acting directly or through any person or entity, is permanently restrained and enjoined from (A) marketing, advertising, promoting, offering for sale, distributing, or selling any international driving permit, or any other identification document, false identification document, identification template or related material or information, whether denoted as a real or novelty item; and (B) assisting others who Melville knows or consciously avoids knowing are engaged in the marketing, advertising, promotion, offering for sale, distributing, or selling of any international driving permit, or any other identification document, false identification document, identification template or related material or information, whether denoted as a real or novelty item. Nothing in this Order shall be read as an exception to this Paragraph.

#### II. PROHIBITED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in connection with the advertising, promotion, offer for sale, or sale of any item, product, good, service, investment opportunity, business opportunity, partnership interest, trust interest or other beneficial interest, Melville and any entity through which he does business, and his successors, assigns, officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those other persons or entities in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise are hereby permanently restrained and enjoined from:

- A. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that any international driving permit or other identification document authorizes consumers to drive legally in the United States or any other country;
- B. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that consumers who purchase any international driving permit or other identification document may use it to avoid points for traffic violations;
- C. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that consumers who purchase any international driving permit or other identification document may use it to avoid sanctions for driving with a suspended or revoked government-issued driver's license;
- D. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that any international driving permit or other identification document can be used in the United States or any other country as an identification document in the same

ways a person can use a government-issued photo identification
document;

- E. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, that any international driving permit or other identification document has been issued by or under the authority of the United States Government, a State, political subdivision of a State, a foreign government, political subdivision of a foreign government, an international governmental or international quasi governmental organization;
- F. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, any information relating to any holder of any international driving permit or other identification document, including, but not limited to, the identity, name, address, nationality, citizenship, or vital statistic of the holder;
- G. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, any other fact material to a consumer's decision to purchase any international driving permit or any other identification document, false identification document, identification template or related material or information, whether denoted as a real or novelty item; and
- H. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or by implication, any material fact regarding any item, product, good, or service sold or offered for sale.

#### III. CONSUMER LISTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Melville and his officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and all persons or entities in active concert or participation with him who receive

actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are permanently restrained and enjoined from hereafter selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing the name, address, telephone number, credit card number, bank account number, e-mail address, or other identifying information of any person who paid any money to Melville for any international driving permit, identification document, or false identification document, at any time prior to entry of this Order; provided, however, that Melville may disclose such identifying information (i) with the express written consent of the person whose information is disclosed, (ii) to a law enforcement agency, or (iii) as required or authorized by any law, regulation, or court order.

## IV. MONETARY RELIEF

## IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- A. Judgment is hereby entered against Melville in the amount of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000); provided, however, that this judgment shall be suspended as long as the Court makes no finding, as provided in Paragraph V of this Order, that Melville has materially misrepresented or omitted the nature, existence or value of any asset;
- B. Any funds received by the FTC pursuant to this
  Paragraph IV shall be deposited into a fund administered by the
  FTC or its agent to be used for equitable relief, including but
  not limited to consumer redress and any attendant expenses for
  the administration of any redress funds. In the event that
  direct redress to consumers is wholly or partially impracticable
  or funds remain after redress is completed, the FTC may apply any

remaining funds for such other equitable relief (including consumer information remedies) as it determines to be reasonably related to Melville's practices alleged in the Complaint. Any funds not used for such equitable relief shall be deposited to the U.S. Treasury as equitable disgorgement. Melville shall have no right to challenge the FTC's choice of remedies or the manner of distribution under this Paragraph IV;

- C. Melville further agrees that the facts as alleged in the Complaint shall be taken as true in the event of any subsequent litigation to collect amounts due pursuant to this Order, including but not limited to a nondischargeability complaint in any bankruptcy proceeding;
- D. The judgment entered pursuant to this Paragraph IV is equitable monetary relief, solely remedial in nature, and not a fine, penalty, punitive assessment or forfeiture;
- E. Melville acknowledges and agrees that any money paid pursuant to this Order is irrevocably paid to the FTC for purposes of settlement between the FTC and Melville, and Melville relinquishes all rights, title, and interest to such money; and
- F. Melville is hereby required, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 7701, to furnish to the FTC his Social Security number and/or tax identification number, which shall be used for purposes of collecting and reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of this Order.

#### V. RIGHT TO REOPEN

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within five business days after entry of this Order, Melville shall submit to the FTC a truthful sworn statement that shall acknowledge receipt of this Order and

shall reaffirm and attest to the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the August 5, 2003 financial statement submitted by Defendant Melville to the FTC, 1999-2002 joint income tax returns for Defendant Melville and his spouse, August 27, 2003 letter from Defendant Melville to James Kosnett, 1999-2000 income tax returns for Internex, LLC, and Defendant Melville's declaration dated October 29, 2003. The FTC's agreement to this Order is expressly premised on the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of these documents. If, upon motion by the FTC, the Court finds that these documents contain any material misrepresentation or omission, the suspended judgment entered in Paragraph IV of this Order shall become immediately due and payable; provided, however, that in all other respect this Order shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise ordered by the Court; and, provided further, that proceedings instituted under this provision would be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other civil or criminal remedies as may be provided by law, including any other proceedings that the FTC may initiate to enforce this Order. For purposes of this Paragraph V, Melville waives any right to contest any of the allegations in the Complaint.

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# VI. RECORD KEEPING PROVISIONS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for a period of eight (8) years from the date of entry of this Order, Melville and any business where he is an officer, director, manager, partner or majority owner, and his successors, assigns, officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons and entities in active concert or participation with him who receive actual

notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from failing to create and retain the following records:

- A. Accounting records that reflect the cost of goods or services sold, revenues generated, and the disbursement of such revenues;
- B. Personnel records accurately reflecting: the name, address, and telephone number of each person employed in any capacity by such business, including as an independent contractor; that person's job title or position; the date upon which the person commenced work; and the date and reason for the person's termination, if applicable;
- C. Customer files containing the names, addresses, phone numbers, dollar amounts paid, quantity of items or services purchased, and description of items or services purchased, to the extent such information is obtained in the ordinary course of business;
- D. Complaints and refund requests (whether received directly, indirectly or through any third party) and any responses to those complaints or requests; and
- E. Copies of all sales scripts, training materials, advertisements, or other marketing materials.

## VII. COMPLIANCE MONITORING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of monitoring and investigating compliance with any provision of this Order:

A. Within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice from a representative of the FTC, Melville shall submit additional written reports, sworn to under penalty of perjury; produce

documents for inspection and copying; appear for deposition; and/or provide entry during normal business hours to any business location in Melville's possession or direct or indirect control to inspect the business operation;

- B. In addition, the FTC is authorized to monitor compliance with this Order by all other lawful means, including but not limited to the following:
- 1. obtaining discovery from any person, without further leave of court, using the procedures prescribed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, and 45;
- 2. posing as consumers and suppliers to: Melville, his employees, or any other entity managed or controlled in whole or in part by Melville, without the necessity of identification or prior notice; provided that nothing in this Order shall limit the FTC's lawful use of compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9 and 20 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 49, 57b-1, to obtain any documentary material, tangible things, testimony, or information relevant to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce (within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 45(a)(1)); and
- C. Melville shall permit representatives of the FTC to interview any employer, consultant, independent contractor, representative, agent, or employee who has agreed to such an interview, relating in any way to any conduct subject to this Order. The person interviewed may have counsel present.

#### VIII. COMPLIANCE REPORTING BY DEFENDANT

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in order that compliance with the provisions of this Order may be monitored:

A. For a period of five (5) years from the date of entry

of this Order,

- 1. Melville shall notify the FTC of the following:
- a. Any changes in Melville's residence, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers, within ten (10) days of the date of such change;
- b. Any changes in Melville's employment status (including self-employment) within ten (10) days of the date of such change. Such notice shall include the name and address of each business that Melville is affiliated with, employed by, or hired by as an independent contractor or consultant; a statement of the nature of the business; and a statement of Melville's duties and responsibilities in connection with the business;
- c. Any changes in Melville's name or use of any aliases or fictitious names; and
- B. One hundred eighty (180) days after the date of entry of this Order, Melville shall provide a written report to the FTC, sworn to under penalty of perjury, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which he has complied and is complying with this Order. This report shall include, but not be limited to:
- 1. Any changes required to be reported pursuant to subparagraph (A) above; and
- 2. A copy of each acknowledgment of receipt of this Order obtained by Melville pursuant to Paragraph IX;
- C. For the purposes of this Order, Melville shall, unless otherwise directed by the FTC's authorized representatives, mail all written notifications to the FTC to:

Associate Director for Enforcement Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room NJ-2122 Washington, DC 20580 Re: FTC v. Abraham, Case No. EDCV. 03-0030 VAP (SGLx) (C.D. Cal).

D. For purposes of the compliance reporting required by this Paragraph, the FTC is authorized to communicate directly with Melville.

## IX. DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANT

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for a period of five (5) years from the date of entry of this Order, Melville shall deliver a copy of this Order to the principals, officers, directors, managers and employees under his control for any business that (a) employs or contracts for services from him and (b) is engaged in any activity relating to the advertising, marketing, or sale of international driving permits, false identification documents or identification templates. Melville shall secure from each such person a signed and dated statement acknowledging receipt of the Order within thirty (30) days after the date of service of the Order or the commencement of the employment relationship.

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1	X. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION
2	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain
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4	modification and enforcement of this Order.
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9	Dated: SHAUN MELVILLE, Defendant
10	SHAON HELVILLE, Detendant
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12	Dated:  RAYMOND E. McKOWN
13	LEMUEL W. DOWDY VICTOR F. DeFRANCIS
14	Federal Trade Commission Attorneys for Plaintiff
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18	IT IS SO ORDERED, this day of, 2003.
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