

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS
ELEVENTH DIVISION

STATE OF ARKANSAS, *ex rel.*

LESLIE RUTLEDGE, ATTORNEY GENERAL

PLAINTIFF

v.

CASE NO. 60 CV-19-5904

JAYSON COTTER d/b/a INVESTMENT
GRADE FIREARMS

DEFENDANT

ORDER GRANTING THE STATE'S MOTION FOR RELIEF

Currently before the Court is the State's Motion for Relief against Defendant Jayson Cotter d/b/a Investment Grade Firearms ("IGF" or "Defendant"). Based upon the facts, evidence, and all other matters before the Court, the State's Motion is GRANTED. Accordingly, the Court makes the following findings:

1. The Court finds that Defendant has harmed twelve (12) consumers identified in the State's Motion for Relief.
2. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-113(a)(2), Defendant shall pay to the State a total of \$28,884 for restitution to the consumers identified in the State's Motion for Relief, which the State shall distribute as follows:
 - a. Jason Kirkman is entitled to **\$2,600;**
 - b. Aaron Bohler is entitled to **\$5,130;**
 - c. Richard Blauman is entitled to **\$3,200;**
 - d. Miguel Inacio is entitled to **\$775;**

- e. Robert Gevedon is entitled to **\$1,925**;
 - f. Michael Hallock is entitled to **\$1,375**;
 - g. Paul Hotaling is entitled to **\$4,500**;
 - h. Jordan Bridges is entitled to **\$2,990**;
 - i. Darin Sperling is entitled to **\$450**;
 - j. Daniel Hart is entitled to **\$2,705**;
 - k. Marc Labovich is entitled to **\$2,344**; and
 - l. Aaron Heady is entitled to **\$890**.
3. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-113(a)(3), Defendant is assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$150,000 for fifteen (15) violations of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 4-88-101, *et seq.* ("ADTPA") as alleged in the State's Complaint and the evidence and brief supporting the State's Motion for Relief.
4. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-113(a)(2)(A), Defendant shall return all firearms and parts that remain in his possession to their rightful owners.
5. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-113(b), and for good cause shown, Defendant's business or professional licenses issued by any city, county, or state entity within the state of Arkansas are hereby suspended until Defendant has paid all the restitution, civil penalties, fees, and costs ordered by this Court.
6. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-113(a), the Court finds that an injunction against Defendant's business practices is necessary in order to

prevent the use or employment of any prohibited practices in violation of the ADTPA. Defendant is hereby enjoined from engaging in any gunsmith or firearm sales business in Arkansas until Defendant has paid all the restitution, civil penalties, fees, and costs ordered by this Court.

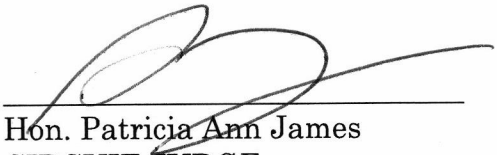
7. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-113(e), Defendant shall pay \$960 to the State for its fees and costs, including \$190 for filing fees and \$770 for service of process.
8. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 16-66-221, Defendant shall file a schedule of property, verified by affidavit, within forty-five (45) days of the entry of this judgment detailing all property, both real and personal, including monies, bank accounts, rights, credits, and choses in action held, and specify the particular property Defendant claims as exempt. Failure to file a schedule of property shall constitute grounds for contempt.
9. Payments for all sums ordered herein shall be delivered to the Attorney General's office within 60 days after the entry of this Order. All payments shall be delivered to:

Office of the Attorney General,
Attn: Chief Fiscal Officer
323 Center Street, Suite 200
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

10. All property shall be returned to their respective owners within 60 days after the entry of this Order. For each item returned to its owner, Defendant shall provide a written statement to the Attorney General listing the consumer's name and the item(s) returned.

For the above-stated reasons, and for those reasons included in the State's Motion for Relief and Incorporated Brief in Support, Plaintiff's Motion for Relief is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 20th day of January, 2022.



Hon. Patricia Ann James
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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