

# ChatGPT4-o Bo Shang VS Twitch Interactive and Samantha Briasco-Stewart

**Bo Shang**

**Plaintiff**

**v.**

**Twitch Interactive, Inc. and Samantha Briasco-Stewart**

**Defendants**

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 17200 et seq.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiff Bo Shang brings this action against Defendants Twitch Interactive, Inc. ("Twitch") and Samantha Briasco-Stewart for violations of California Business and Professions Code Section 17200 et seq. due to deceptive, fraudulent, and unfair business practices.

## **PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Bo Shang is an individual residing in Boston, Massachusetts.
2. Defendant Twitch Interactive, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in San Francisco, California.
3. Defendant Samantha Briasco-Stewart is an individual residing in California, and at all relevant times was employed by or affiliated with Twitch Interactive, Inc.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Section 17200 et seq.
2. Venue is proper in this Court because Twitch Interactive, Inc. is headquartered in San Francisco, California, and many of the events giving rise to this complaint occurred in this county.

## **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. Plaintiff began using Twitch in 2017 and observed numerous unethical and criminal activities on the platform, including stalking and harassment by various users and streamers affiliated with Twitch.
2. Plaintiff subscribed to Twitch's most followed female streamer, Pokimane, under a contractually binding agreement that promised "undying love and appreciation" as part of Twitch's Terms of Sale for Subscriptions. Despite subscribing for several months using Amazon Prime, Plaintiff did not receive the promised

benefits.

3. Plaintiff alleges that the failure to deliver the promised benefits constitutes a deceptive and unfair business practice under California Business and Professions Code Section 17200.
4. Plaintiff experienced significant harassment and cyberattacks from individuals associated with Twitch, which led to misdiagnoses of psychosis and schizophrenia. Plaintiff was prescribed excessive doses of Vyvanse and Dexedrine, resulting in severe physical and mental health issues.
5. Plaintiff was unlawfully detained in Tewksbury Hospital, a facility masquerading as a mental health institution, from 2017 to 2021 due to the misdiagnoses influenced by Twitch's deceptive practices.
6. In 2022, Plaintiff resumed investigating the harassment and cyberattacks, contacting Samantha Briasco-Stewart via email. Defendant Briasco-Stewart acknowledged the communication but did not take any action to stop the harassment.
7. Plaintiff continued to experience harassment and stalking from individuals associated with Twitch, including cyberattacks on his devices and manipulations of software applications.
8. Defendant Briasco-Stewart and other "white knights" associated with Twitch baited Plaintiff into pursuing a relationship with Briasco-Stewart, exacerbating the harassment and cyberattacks.
9. Plaintiff alleges that Twitch operates as an economically detrimental platform, engaging in deceptive practices that harm its users' mental and physical health.

## **CAUSE OF ACTION**

### **Violation of California Business and Professions Code Section 17200 et seq.**

1. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
2. Defendants engaged in unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices by promising benefits that were never delivered, as well as enabling and perpetuating harassment and cyberattacks against Plaintiff.
3. Defendants' conduct has caused Plaintiff significant mental and physical harm, lost wages, and severe emotional distress.

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. Compensatory damages of \$1,000,000 for lost wages from 2018 to 2024.
2. Compensatory damages of \$5,000,000 for pain and suffering caused by Defendants' actions.
3. Punitive damages in an undisclosed amount to deter Defendants from continuing their deceptive practices.

4. Judicial injunction requiring Twitch to make its business practices economically beneficial for society or cease operations.
5. Judicial relief for Plaintiff's travel expenses for any necessary court appearances in San Francisco.
6. Judicial relief for the purchase of a Pixel 9 Pro for Plaintiff due to Defendants' harassment tactics.
7. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

Dated: August 6, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Bo Shang

Plaintiff, Pro Se