# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Case No. 1:25-cv-01987

Eman Youssef,

Plaintiff,

VS.

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC,

TD BANK, N.A.,

TRANS UNION, LLC,

EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.

Defendants.

#### **COMPLAINT**

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Plaintiff brings this action against the defendants for violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the New York Fair Credit Reporting Act...

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff Eman Youssef is an individual residing in 22-15 22nd Street East Elmhurst, NY 11370, PHONE: 555-123-4567, NY Not specified.
- 2. Defendant EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES, LLC is a Consumer Reporting Agency.
- 3. Defendant TD BANK, N.A. is a Furnisher of Information.
- 4. Defendant TRANS UNION, LLC is a Consumer Reporting Agency.
- 5. Defendant EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC. is a Consumer Reporting Agency.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 14. Plaintiff Eman Youssef is an individual consumer under the FCRA and NY FCRA.
- 15. Plaintiff opened a TD Bank credit card account in July 2023 with an \$8,000 credit limit.
- 16. Plaintiff maintained timely payments on her account prior to the fraudulent activity.

- 17. Plaintiff travelled to Egypt from June 30, 2024 through July 30, 2024 with family.
- 18. Before traveling, Plaintiff informed TD Bank of her trip and verified card functionality.
- 19. Plaintiff brought both physical cards with her to Egypt.
- 20. Identity thieves used Plaintiff's account to make over \$7,700 in fraudulent charges.
- 21. Fraudulent charges occurred between July 15, 2024 and July 31, 2024.
- 22. Majority of fraudulent charges were made at three different camera stores.
- 23. Plaintiff had never made similar significant purchases in the past.
- 24. Plaintiff disputed charges with TD Bank five separate times using multiple methods.
- 25. TD Bank wrongfully suggested Plaintiff's non-existent son made the charges.
- 26. Plaintiff filed a police report and obtained video evidence of the perpetrators.
- 27. TD Bank refused to correct charges, insisting they were valid due to chip usage.
- 28. Plaintiff sent written disputes to all three credit reporting agencies on December 9, 2024.
- 29. Plaintiff provided proof she was in Egypt when charges were made.
- 30. Credit reporting agencies forwarded disputes to TD Bank without independent investigation.
- 31. TD Bank merely verified the disputed amounts without reasonable investigation.
- 32. All credit reporting agencies failed to conduct reasonable reinvestigations.
- 33. Defendants continue to report the fraudulent charges as valid on Plaintiff's credit reports.
- 34. Plaintiff has been denied credit applications due to the inaccurate reporting.
- 35. Plaintiff has had existing credit limits reduced due to the false information.
- 36. Plaintiff has suffered damage to her credit rating and reputation.
- 37. Plaintiff has experienced significant emotional distress from Defendants' actions.
- 38. Plaintiff has expended substantial time and resources attempting to resolve the issues.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: Violation of the FCRA

**15 U.S.C. § 1681e(b):** The CRA failed to follow reasonable procedures to ensure the maximum possible accuracy of the information in a consumer's credit report, resulting in the reporting of inaccurate information. [cite: 47, 51]

**15** U.S.C. § **1681e(b)**: The CRA willfully failed to follow reasonable procedures to ensure the maximum possible accuracy of the information in a consumer's credit report. This implies a knowing or reckless disregard for the law.

# **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: Violation of the NY FCRA**

**N.Y. GBL § 380-f:** The CRA violated the New York Fair Credit Reporting Act by failing to conduct a reasonable reinvestigation after the consumer disputed erroneous information. [cite: 62]

N.Y. GBL § 380-f(b), (d): The CRA violated the New York Fair Credit Reporting Act by failing to delete or modify disputed information after it could not be verified. [cite: 63, 64]

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court:

- 1. Grant Plaintiff Actual damages;
- 2. Grant Plaintiff Statutory damages;
- 3. Grant Plaintiff Punitive damages;
- 4. An order requiring defendants to correct the plaintiff's credit report;
- 5. An order requiring defendants to implement policies to prevent future violations;
- 6. Grant Plaintiff Litigation costs;
- 7. Grant Plaintiff Reasonable attorney's fees;
- 7. Grant Plaintiff such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

# THE PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A JURY TRIAL ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED HEREIN.

Dated: 04/05/2025 Respectfully submitted,

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