Title: Criminal market manipulation strategies: what they are, how to spot them, and how to report them.

(See my additional note in comments, for a template and links to file complaints.)

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## Painting/Erasing/Rolling Back The Tape

Hedgefucks place successive orders in small amounts, at increasing or decreasing prices, to give the appearance that the stonk is moving in one direction or another due to "natural" trading. Alternatively they manipulate the stock purchase record, to give the appearance that the trading day has gone differently to how it really went down.

Laws and regulations transgressed:

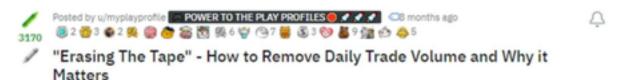
Sections 5(a) and 5(c) of the Securities Act of 1933.

Possible Examples:

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/piq8d9/i\_found\_a\_7yearold\_thread\_from\_a\_deleted\_user/

More and more investors are winning the game nowadays despite all bashers that float through the Internet that has become part of the game. Floor traders of market makers often watch CNBC, news wires and bulletin boards in order to follow the market during trading session. OTC BB market makers (MMs) don't use fundamental and technical analysis. However, what they do realize is a lot of dumb money does use this newest nitch charting or TA (Technical Analysis) to run a stock either up or down. To the MMs this is like taking candy from a baby. Simply they will paint the tape and use whatever tactic to affect the charting bands. Thus the public and dumb money they will have eating out of their hands. Effectively the MMs can show a strong stock growing weak by manipulating the close price in order to generate selling volume, delaying trading time to manipulate trading activities, or even stalling the ask without honoring orders to hold a stock price.

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/oj1tjl/erasing\_the\_tape\_how\_to\_remove\_daily\_trade\_volume/



### ■ Due Diligence

While the whole world was having a big old COVID reopening party, a few autistics and apes saw the giant lie at the heart of the stonk markets, and they saw it by doing something the rest of the suckers never thought to do - They looked. Insert obligatory shoutout to <u>u/atobitt u/criand</u> <u>u/homedepothank69 u/broccaaa</u> and the many other DD authors in this sub that have and continue to  $\Omega$ .

TA:DR - Volume CAN be kept off the data feed, and certain trades are not published by the FINRA Trade Reporting Facility, aka the tape. This can suppress volume and hinder the natural price discovery in the market. More data is needed to verify if this has occurred with GME.

# [2] Who To Report Fuckery To - Organisations & Links

As awesome as u/Cataclysmic98's post below is...

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/sf0wj7/an\_extensive\_quick\_link\_resource\_to\_file\_a/

...she was probably too thorough for the attention span of most Apes, keeping in mind most of us can barely read! I have therefore condensed this down to just four of the bodies and links, that I believe are the ones most likely to act on any complaints received:

SEC - Securities & Exchange Commission:

https://www.sec.gov/tcr

DoJ - Department of Justice:

https://www.justice.gov/doj/webform/your-message-department-justice

FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation:

https://tips.fbi.gov/

FTC - Federal Trade Commission:

https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/

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## [3] How To Report It - How To Write A Complaint

Simply copy-and-paste the letter below and add/change the relevant fields in bold:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a retail investor and hold shares of a company listed on the New York Stock Exchange named GameStop, Inc. (ticker: GME). It is my belief that GME stock underwent criminal market manipulation, potentially by multiple financial institutions, meaning that I and other shareholders of GameStop are victims of crime. The specific details are as follows:

Date: {{{ Insert date }}}

Time: {{{ Insert time period or approximate time }}}

Type of Manipulation: {{{ Insert the type of fuckery listed in section [1] above }}}

Laws and Regulations Transgressed: {{{ Copy-and-paste the relevant ones from section [1] above }}}

Potental Evidence: {{{ Copy-and-paste a link, or whatever other evidence you may have }}}

Possible Criminal Financial Institutions: {({ Insert if there is some tangible evidence })}

There is not a great deal of additional corrborating evidence I can provide for my assertion at this time. Unfortunately the financial services industry has been structured in such an opaque way that retail investors, such as myself, have access to the least amount of market data. However it is hoped that the {{{SEC / DoJ / FBI / CFPB -> Keep one and delete the others }}}, being a well-funded government body with expertise in this area, can procure more potential evidence.

I would therefore appreciate if you could look into my complaint, in order to protect the rights of retail investors and uphold the aforementioned Laws and Regulations.

Kind regards,

# [4] How Long Does It Take?

Using the letter above, I filed copy-and-paste complaints using each of the four links shared in section [2]. Here is how long it took for me to do this, for reporting the latest fuckery using each of these:

SEC - Securities & Exchange Commission: 7 minutes

DoJ - Department of Justice: 1 minute

FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation: 2 minutes

FTC - Federal Trade Commission: 2 minutes

Including the time needed to make the small copy-and-pastes from section [1] down to the letter, and then opening up each website, in total took only about 15 minutes to report a complaint to all four.

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# [5] Why Should I Do This?

I know there are still many skeptical Apes out there, who would see this as a waste of 15 minutes. However if we want systematic change to become a reality, it will currently only happen through the system itself. Some degree of faith is required to believe any good will come of sending these types of complaints to the SEC, DoJ, FBI and FTC. But I am of the opinion that if they get dozens, hundreds or possibly thousands of complaints about the same act of fuckery over a short period of time, it eventually becomes too big to ignore and they have to act.

So in summary: be the change you want to see. (Also, don't forget to DRS, if you haven't already.)

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### Wash Trading

Hedgefuck wants to create some "buzz" around a stonk, and they do this buy creating artificial trading volume. They collude with another friendly hedgecunt, buying and selling back a few shares repeatedly, to give the impression that there is a lot happening with the stonk. (Although it is technically slightly different, most Apes know this fuckery as a **Short Ladder Attack**.)

Laws and regulations transgressed:

Sections 17(a)(1) and (2) of the Securities Act of 1933.

Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5.

Possible Example:

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/phb20m/for\_those\_unfamiliar\_this\_is\_a\_short\_ \_ladder/







For those unfamiliar, this is a SHORT LADDER ATTACK, with 2 M VOLUME it is not possible to do -6, the value is not real, they are doing it ahead of next week's earnings release. ALL THIS MAKES ME EVEN MORE CALM AND GIVES EVERY CONFIRMATION THAT HEDGIE YOU ARE FUCKED.



### Front Running

Hedgefuck gets wind of a large (and real) order to buy or sell a stonk, placed by another entity. Maybe that other entity is a hedge fund having some kind of connection with a Market Maker that executes that other real order... That large order is big enough that the share price will most likely go up or down.

Hedgefuck uses this information to go long or short, in the same direction as that other order. Or they buy some kind of derivative, such as an option, to again profit from gaining that knowledge unfairly. Basically, cheating.

Laws and regulations transgressed:

Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5.

Section 17(j) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and Rule 17j-1.

Possible example:

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/szvza1/since\_premarket\_spoofinglayering\_is\_on \_the\_menu/



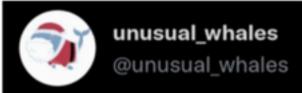
Posted by u/kvlyc 3 months ago





Wut doing 1%?? front-running the crash perhaps??





# **UPDATE:**

Bezos, Elon Musk and Zuckerberg unloaded \$42.9 billion in stock (\$AMZN, \$TSLA, \$FB) since December.

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#### Wash Sales

Hedgefuck sells a holding at a loss and claims a capital loss to avoid paying taxes. Then within 30 days, they buy in again into the same stonk and wait for a capital gain.

Laws and regulations transgressed:

Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5.

Section 1091 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Possible Example:

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/nh5zjn/explanation\_of\_whats\_happening\_to \_robinhood\_and/



Posted by u/MeditationPartyy 🛕 🗆 10 months ago 🗿 😚 🚱 🔞









Explanation of what's happening to Robinhood and wash sales. This needs more visibility!!!





# Graduating\_Senior • 57m

a Wash sale has an affect on both cost and date aquired:

simple example: numbers made up for example

buy 1 shares at 450 on 1/29

sell 1 share at 40 on 2/12

buy 1 share at 180 on 2/28

the tax lot details would show:

1 share @ 590 from 2/14

(the loss per share of 410 is tacked on to the new cost basis of 180. and because he was out of the position for 1 day the date gets changed from 1/29 + 16 day.)











## Stock Parking/Kiting

Hedgefuck A sells stonks to Hedgecunt B, with the understanding that they'll sell the shares back to Hedgefuck A after a short period. This way, they can hide the real ownership for that limited period, for example to get around regulatory disclosure of short positions. Collusion of this kind is much easier if it is done between, say, a Market Maker and a *friendly* hedge fund partner...

Laws and regulations transgressed:

Sections 17(a)(1) and (3) of the Securities Act of 1933

Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rules 10b-5(a) and (c)

Sections 206(1) and (2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Possible Example:

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/mxnou5/til\_about\_the\_term\_kiting\_aka\_fail\_to\_ \_deliver/



I just learned failure to deliver is also known as "kiting a security"

Look at the Kiting With Securities heading on this article:

https://www.investopedia.com/terms/k/kited.asp

I saw the term being used in this article about Canada tackling naked short selling:

https://magazine.cim.org/en/news/2021/regulators-to-take-steps-against-short-selling-en/

The change would effectively end a practice known as naked shorting. Currently, short sellers are only required to have a "reasonable expectation" of settling a short trade, meaning they can short without actually having borrowed the stock – something that can be disruptive if the shorter cannot locate stock to buy back, creating more shares than actually exist in the market. Transactions must be settled in two days, but investors can have up to 10 days in exceptional circumstances.

According to Lynch, hedge funds have exploited the current loopholes by shifting uncovered bets to another company on day 11, extending their time to short. The taskforce proposal, he said, "would eliminate kiting and that would be helpful to stop predatory shorts. If those [recommendations] are put in, we'll have a good correction in the marketplace."

I think using the industry standard terms will help with research and also validate DD so we don't have another "but but short ladder attacks are made up by Reddit!" moment.

#### Bear Raid

Hedgefuck goes short on a stonk, then spreads FUD to get paperhands to sell out early, or hit stop losses. Basically, GME over the last 14 months plus.

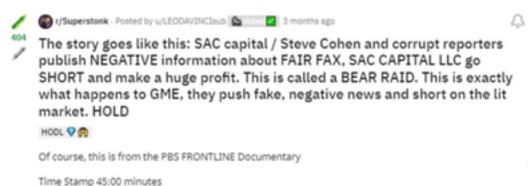
Laws and regulations transgressed:

Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933.

Sections 9(a)(4) and 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Possible Examples:

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/rh2eta/the\_story\_goes\_like\_this\_sac\_capital\_steve \_cohen/



https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/tc8ky2/bots\_are\_being\_ramped\_up\_bullish/





#### Marking The Open/Close/Fix

Most prime brokers use the closing price of stonks, to value the portfolio of their customers' holdings. By placing a large order just towards the end of the day, for example, Hedgefuck can manipulate the price to increase the value of their portfolio. The next day, they can then short the price down again if needed, and take some profits when the market corrects the artificial imbalance.

Laws and regulations transgressed:

Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 15 U.S.C. 78j(b).

Rule 10b-5, 17 C.F.R. 240.10b-5.

Section 206 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and 15 U.S.C. 80b-6.

Possible Example:

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/t0l28m/happening\_again\_all\_these\_companies\_are \_spoofing/



Posted by u/sergeek Power to the Players 📵 😅 5 days ago 👸 🍨 🛞 3 🕒 2 🚳 4 🧖 😂 🥳

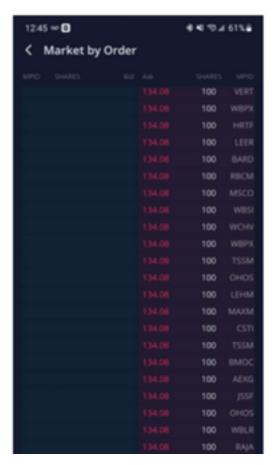






Happening again. All these companies are spoofing and the price is going down. 15 minutes before close when price was at \$125





## [1] Types of Fuckery - What To Look For Spoofing

Share price is \$200. Hedgefuck places a huge order at \$180 but doesn't plan to buy the stonk at that price. Meanwhile Hedgefuck also places an order for a short sale on the side. The rest of the market sees the huge order at \$120 and thinks there's a whale that's bearish on the stock. Paperhands panic and sell their stock, bringing the price down to \$180.

Hedgefuck cancels the buy order at \$120. The price has fallen down to \$180, so they also exit their short sale with a profit. Hedgfuck kills two birds with one stone: the price has fallen AND they've profited on the short sale.

Alternatively, they can do Layering, which is a special type of spoofing to make the market think there's a lot of interest and liquidity in the stock. Share price is \$200. Hedgefuck places orders at \$160, \$140 and \$120. Again, they don't have any plan to buy the stonk at those prices. Meanwhile Hedgefuck also places an order for a short sale on the side.

Laws and regulations transgressed:

Sections 9(a)(2) and 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933.

Possible example:

https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/t4k6cd/today\_collaborated\_spoofing\_occurred\_in\_the\_last/



Today collaborated spoofing occurred in the last 30 minutes. First they spoofed on the Ask side, but it wasn't too effective. So they all switched to the Bid side instantly, and the price tanked like a Titanic. I recorded everything on video and uploaded to YouTube, link in comments.

