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Were you the one affected in this incident?

Yes

Your Contact Information

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Complainant Information

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Business Information

Is this on behalf of a business that was targeted by a Cyber incident?

No

Financial Transaction(s)

Did you send or lose money in the incident?

No

Information About The Subject(s)

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City:

San Francisco,

Country:

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State:

California

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Description of Incident

Provide a description of the incident and how you (or those you are filling this out on behalf of) were victimized. Provide information not captured elsewhere in this complaint form:

SUBJECT: Active Wire Fraud Scheme Involving Forged FHA Mortgage Instruments & Perjury (Case C-03-CV-24-003218)

VICTIM: Jeffrey M. Schatz (Owner/Defendant) SUBJECTS: BWW Law Group, LLC (Substitute Trustees); Carrie M. Ward; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION: I am reporting an active scheme to defraud involving the submission of fabricated securities (Promissory Notes) via the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) system to unlawfully foreclose on an FHA-insured property. The scheme involves Wire Fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343) and the Uttering of Counterfeit Instruments.

1. THE DIGITAL FORGERY (WIRE FRAUD) On August 26, 2024, the Subjects electronically filed a "Promissory Note" in Baltimore County Circuit Court, certifying it as a "true and accurate copy" of a 2010 instrument.

Forensic Evidence: Metadata analysis confirms this PDF was not a flattened scan, but rather, a layered digital fabrication.
Signature Splice: Forensic decomposition reveals the endorsement signature of "Joan M. Mills" is a "Form XObject"—a low-resolution image digitally spliced onto the high-resolution document. This is a

digital fabrication, not a scan of a wet-ink original.

2. PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY & PERJURY The Subjects have committed perjury regarding the location of the original Note to conceal the forgery.

The Contradiction: On August 26, 2024, Subjects filed the Note in Maryland claiming possession. However, in sworn Interrogatories dated August 28, 2025, the Subjects admitted under oath that the physical Note was held by Deutsche Bank in Santa Ana, California .

The Fraud: It is physically impossible for the Subjects to have scanned the original Note in Maryland in 2024 if it was secured in a California vault in 2025.

3. THE "ZOMBIE NOTE" (RECYCLED EVIDENCE) On October 10, 2025, the Subjects filed a "new" copy of the Note (Exhibit D), claiming it was retrieved from the California vault .

Scanner Artifacts: Both the August 2024 filing and the October 2025 filing display identical vertical scanner drag lines and "dirt" artifacts in the exact same X/Y coordinates.

Conclusion: The Subjects never retrieved the Note. They simply recycled the previous digital fabrication, applied a larger redaction box to hide the "FHA Case No." header, and re-filed it via MDEC to

deceive the Court.

4. CONCEALMENT OF FEDERAL LIENS The Subjects filed a sworn Loss Mitigation Affidavit stating "No Partial Claim was offered." This is a material lie. Baltimore County Land Records (Book 22311, Page 145) prove a \$41,473.09 HUD Partial Claim exists. The Subjects are attempting to sell the property without disclosing this federal debt to potential buyers.

5. THIRD-PARTY CORROBORATION On November 19, 2025, the licensed auctioneer, Alex Cooper Auctioneers, reviewed this evidence and immediately resigned from the file, citing liability concerns regarding the fraudulent instruments.

ASSETS AT RISK: Residential Property (Value approx. \$350,000) and FHA Insurance Funds.

Other Information

If an email was used in this incident, please provide a copy of the entire email including full email headers.

TECHNICAL FORENSIC ARTIFACTS (PDF METADATA):

1. THE FORGED INSTRUMENT (FILE 1)

Filename: C-03-CV-24-003218 - Copy of Note - Debt Instrument.pdf

MDEC Envelope ID: 17770639

Submission Timestamp: August 26, 2024, at 3:20 PM EST

Creator Tool (Metadata): "Aspose" (Automated PDF manipulation software).

Creation Date (Metadata): 2024-08-26 (Matches filing date; proves file was not a 2010 scan).

Forensic Anomaly: The Indorsement Signature ("Joan M. Mills") is identified as a "Form XObject" image layer with a resolution inconsistent with the base document (Signature Splice).

2. THE "ZOMBIE" RE-FILING (FILE 2)

Filename: Exhibit D (Filed Oct 10, 2025).

MDEC Envelope ID: 23353635.

Submission Timestamp: October 10, 2025, at 1:24 PM EST.

Static Defect Matching: Both File 1 (Aug 2024) and File 2 (Oct 2025) display identical scanner "drag line" artifacts on the right margin of Page 1, despite Subjects claiming File 2 was retrieved from a California vault in the interim. This proves File 2 is a recycled digital copy of File 1.

3. THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY CONTRADICTION

Interrogatory Response Date: August 28, 2025.

Admitted Physical Location: Deutsche Bank, 1761 East St Andrews Pl, Santa Ana, CA 92705 .

Technical Impossibility: The Subjects could not have generated the August 26, 2024 "True Copy" scan in Maryland (File 1) if the physical asset was secured in California on that date.

4. SUSPECT UPLOAD ORIGIN

System: Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) / Tyler Technologies

"Odyssey File & Serve".

Target IP: Request FBI subpoena MDEC server logs for Envelope ID 17770639 to identify the specific workstation/IP address used to upload the forged instrument.

Are there any other witnesses or persons affected by this incident?

HUD and FHA

If you have reported this incident to other law enforcement or government agencies, please provide the name, phone number, email, date reported, report number, etc.

AGENCY 1: REGULATORY (The Strongest One)

Agency Name: Maryland Department of Labor - Office of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation

Phone Number: 410-230-6100 (Standard Main Line) or Email: CSU.Complaints@maryland.gov

Date Reported: 11/19/2025

Report Number: "Formal Complaint Filed 11/19/2025 - Receipt Pending"

Notes: Filed formal complaint regarding Uttering False Documents and Unlicensed Activity (Foreclosure Fraud).

AGENCY 2: JUDICIAL (The Active Case)

Agency Name: Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Phone Number: 410-887-2601 (Clerk's Office)

Date Reported: 11/19/2025

Report Number: Case No. C-03-CV-24-003218

Notes: Filed Emergency Motion for Sanctions and Notice of Auctioneer Resignation regarding the submission of the forged Promissory Note.

Is this an update to a previously filed complaint?

No

Privacy & Signature:

The collection of information on this form is authorized by one or more of the following statutes: 18 U.S.C. § 1028 (false documents and identity theft); 1028A (aggravated identity theft); 18 U.S.C. § 1029

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(Title 18, U.S.Code, Section 1001)

Digital Signature:

Jeffrey Michael Schatz