

| BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES |  |  |  |  |
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| NAME OF DEBTOR <br> Telexfree, LLC, Telexfree, Inc., and Telexfree Financial, Inc. | BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. <br> 14-40987-MSH |  |  |  |
| DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING <br> District of Massachusetts | DIVISION OFFICE <br> Eastern | NAME OF JUDGE <br> Hoffman |  |  |
| RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY) |  |  |  |  |

## INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

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Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.
Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.
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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

In re:
TELEXFREE, LLC, TELEXFREE, INC. and TELEXFREE FINANCIAL, INC.,

Debtors.

STEPHEN DARR, AS HE IS THE TRUSTEE OF THE CHAPTER 11 ESTATES OF EACH OF THE DEBTORS,

Plaintiff,
v.

OPT 3 SOLUTIONS, INC., JAY BORROMEI, Defendants.

Chapter 11 Cases
14-40987-MSH
$14-40988-\mathrm{MSH}$
14-40989-MSH
Jointly Administered

Adversary Proceeding
No. 16-

## COMPLAINT

## Introduction

Stephen Darr is the duly appointed and acting trustee (the "Trustee") of the Chapter 11 bankruptcy estates ("Estates") of TelexFree, Inc. ("Inc."), TelexFree, LLC ("LLC") and TelexFree Financial, Inc. ("Financial" and, collectively, the "Debtors"). As Trustee, Mr. Darr brings this adversary proceeding to recover payments made to the Defendants within two years of the bankruptcy filings as fraudulent transfers and to recover payments made within one year of the bankruptcy filings as insider preferential transfers. The Trustee also seeks damages for the Defendants' aiding and abetting of the commission of tortious conduct.

## Parties and Jurisdiction

1. The Trustee, who is the duly appointed Chapter 11 trustee of the Debtors, has a principal place of business in Boston, Massachusetts.
2. The Defendant, Opt 3 Solutions, Inc., is upon information and belief a corporation with a place of business at 120 Vantis, Suite 300, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656.
3. The Defendant, Jay Borromei, is an individual who, upon information and belief, resides at 23691 Blue Fin Cv, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-1640.
4. This adversary proceeding is brought pursuant to $\S \S 547,548,550$ and 551 of Title 11 of the United States Code for the avoidance and recovery of fraudulent conveyances and preferential transfers.
5. This Court has jurisdiction over the adversary proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334.
6. This adversary proceeding is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. $\S 157(\mathrm{~b})(2)(\mathrm{A})(\mathrm{F})(\mathrm{H})$ and $(\mathrm{O})$.
7. Venue in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. $\S 1409$.

## Statement of Facts

8. This case involves a massive Ponzi and pyramid scheme operated by the Debtors, which involved more than a million participants ("Participants") from multiple countries. The Debtors ostensibly operated a "multi-level marketing" company with its headquarters in Marlborough, Massachusetts. It represented itself as being in the business of selling telephone service plans that use "voice over internet protocol" ("VoIP") technology. The sale of VoIP, however, constituted only a minor portion of their business; the Debtors' actual business was the recruitment of Participants.
9. From April 2012 to April 2014, individuals throughout the world, including many Participants of the Brazilian and Dominican immigrant communities in the United States, purchased membership plans with a transaction value of approximately $\$ 3,000,000,000$. The memberships promised substantial returns $-200 \%$ per year or more - for becoming "promoters" of the business. The Debtors promised to pay Participants for placing ads on obscure classified ad sites on the internet and recruiting other Participants to do the same. The membership fees from Participants constituted approximately ninety-nine percent (99\%) of the monies taken in by the Debtors.
10. In the spring of 2012, Ympactus Comercial Ltda. ("Ympactus"), a Brazilian affiliate of the Debtors, began operating a substantially similar scheme in Brazil. In June 2013, the Brazilian authorities shut down the operations of Ympactus as an illegal pyramid scheme.
11. In early 2013, the Debtors retained Opt 3 and Borromei to provide website development and programming assistance, and compensation and network marketing advice.
12. Borromei was intimately involved in the Debtors' affairs from early 2013 through the filing of the bankruptcy petitions in April 2014 and thereafter.
13. Borromei regularly engaged in communications directly with the Debtors' principals, Carlos Wanzeler, James Merrill, and Carlos Costa (the "Principals") and traveled in the United States and Brazil to assist in the operations of both the Debtors and Ympactus.
14. Borromei reviewed video presentations by the Principals on the TelexFree compensation scheme and provided advice and assistance in refining and broadcasting the videos.
15. Borromei was a key figure in the implementation of the Debtors' Ponzi scheme. Borromei provided advice and assistance to the Principals on structuring compensation plans and systems to track Participant activity.
16. Borromei was aware of the Ympactus regulatory action at the time of his retention and conferred extensively with the Principals regarding the impact of this action upon the Debtors' activities.
17. Borromei exercised substantial control over the Debtors. Among other things, Borromei directly authorized the payment of certain TelexFree expenses.
18. Opt 3 and Borromei were at all relevant times insiders of the Debtors.
19. On April 13, 2014 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary Chapter 11 petitions with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada.
20. By order dated May 6, 2014, the Nevada Bankruptcy Court approved a motion to change venue filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The cases were transferred to this Court on May 9, 2014.
21. On May 30, 2014, this Court approved the motion of the Office of the United States Trustee to appoint a Chapter 11 trustee, and the Trustee was appointed on June 6, 2014.
22. On November 25, 2015, the Court, on motion by the Trustee and after notice, entered an Order, as amended on December 21, 2015, that the Debtors were engaged in a Ponzi scheme and that this ruling was the law of the case in each of the jointly administered cases.
23. During the two years preceding the Petition Date, the Debtors made the payments to the Defendant Opt 3 (the "Two Year Transfers") as set forth on Exhibit "A" hereto.
24. During the one year preceding the Petition Date, the Debtors made the payments to Opt 3 (the "One Year Transfers") as set forth on Exhibit "B" hereto.
25. Mr. Borromei, as the principal of Opt 3, was the beneficiary of the foregoing transfers. Upon information and belief, Mr.Borromei was the mediate transferee of the payments made to Opt 3.

## COUNT ONE

## Fraudulent Transfer -- Constructive - 11 U.S.C. §§ 548, 550 and 551 <br> (Two Year Transfers)

26. The Trustee realleges and repeats the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs and by reference incorporates them herein.
27. Each of the Two Year Transfers constitutes a "transfer," as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 548 , of an asset or interest in an asset of the Debtors.
28. The Two Year Transfers were made within two years of the Petition Date.
29. Each of the Two Year Transfers was made while the Debtors were insolvent.
30. Each of the Two Year Transfers was made for less than reasonably equivalent value.
31. The Two Year Transfers constitute fraudulent transfers avoidable by the Trustee pursuant to $\S 548(\mathrm{a})(1)(\mathrm{B})$ of the Bankruptcy Code and recoverable from the Defendants pursuant to $\S \S 550$ and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code.
32. As a result of the foregoing, the Trustee is entitled to a judgment against the Defendants Opt 3 and Borromei: (a) avoiding and preserving the Two Year Transfers, (b) directing that the Two Year Transfers be set aside, and (c) recovering the Two Year Transfers in the amount of $\$ 939,079.50$ from the Defendants for the benefit of the Estates.

## COUNT TWO

Fraudulent Transfer - Actual Intent - 11 U.S.C. §§ 548, 550 and 551
(Two Year Transfers)
33. The Trustee realleges and repeats the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs and by reference incorporates them herein.
34. Each of the Two Year Transfers was made within two years of the Petition Date.
35. Each of the Two Year Transfers was made with the actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud some or all of the Debtors' then existing and/or future creditors.
36. The Two Year Transfers constitute a fraudulent transfer avoidable by the Trustee pursuant to 11 U.S.C. $\S 548(\mathrm{a})(1)(\mathrm{A})$ and recoverable from the Defendants pursuant to $\S \S 550$ and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code.
37. As a result of the foregoing, the Trustee is entitled to a judgment against the Defendants Opt 3 and Borromei: (a) avoiding and preserving the Two Year Transfers, (b) directing that the Two Year Transfers be set aside, and (c) recovering the amount of \$939,079.50 from the Defendants for the benefit of the Estates.

## COUNT THREE

## Preferences - 11 U.S.C. $\S \S 547,550$ and 551

## (One Year Transfers)

38. The Trustee realleges and repeats the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs and by reference incorporates them herein.
39. Within one year of the Petition Date, the Debtors paid the One Year Transfers to the Defendants.
40. Each One Year Transfer was made:
(a) to or for the benefit of the Defendants, who claims to be a creditor at the time of the Transfers;
(b) for or on account of an antecedent debt owed by the Debtors before such transfer was made;
(c) while the Debtors were insolvent;
(d) within one year of the Petition Date
(e) to an insider; and
(f) enabling the Defendants to receive more than the Defendants would receive if the cases were under Chapter 7, the One Year Transfer was not made, and the Defendants received payment of such debt to the extent provided by the provisions of Title 11 of the United States Code.
41. The foregoing One Year Transfers constitute preferential transfers avoidable by the Trustee pursuant to 11 U.S.C. $\S 547$ and recoverable from the Defendants pursuant to $\S \S 550$ and 551 of the Bankruptcy Code.
42. As a result of the foregoing, the Trustee is entitled to a judgment against the Defendants Opt 3 and Borromei: (a) avoiding and preserving the preferential transfers, (b) directing that the preferential transfers be set aside, and (c) recovering the amount of $\$ 882,829.50$ from the Defendants for the benefit of the Estates.

## COUNT FOUR

## Aiding and Abetting Commission of Tortious Conduct

43. The Trustee realleges and repeats the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs and by reference incorporates them herein.
44. The Defendants provided substantial assistance or encouragement to the Principals in devising and implementing the Ponzi scheme and did so with unlawful intent and knowledge that such parties were perpetrating an unlawful Ponzi scheme.
45. The Defendants rendered this substantial assistance despite their knowledge that TelexFree's operations constituted an unlawful, unfair, deceptive, and unsustainable Ponzi scheme and financial fraud.
46. Such substantial assistance included participation in establishing the TelexFree compensation scheme and involvement in establishing systems to track the scheme's activity.
47. As a direct result of the perpetration of the TelexFree Ponzi scheme, and the Defendants' substantial assistance in connection therewith, TelexFree incurred liability to Participants for losses incurred in the Ponzi scheme of upwards of $\$ 1,000,000,000$ or more.

WHEREFORE, Stephen Darr as he is the Trustee of the Chapter 11 Estates of the Debtors respectfully prays that the Court enter judgment for him against the Defendants as follows:

1. On Count One: (a) avoiding and preserving the Two Year Transfers as constructive fraudulent transfers, (b) directing the Two Year Transfers be set aside and (c) recovering $\$ 939,079.50$ from the Defendants Opt 3 and Jay Borromei for the benefit of the Estates;
2. On Count Two: (a) avoiding and preserving the Two Year Transfers as actual fraudulent transfers; (b) directing the Two Year Transfers be set aside; and (c) recovering $\$ 939,079.50$ from the Defendants Opt 3 and Jay Borromei for the benefit of the Estates;
3. On Count Three: (a) avoiding the payments received by the Defendants Opt 3 and Jay Borromei as preferential payments, and (b) recovering $\$ 882,829.50$ from the Defendants Opt 3 and Jay Borromei for the benefit of the Estates;
4. On Count Four, finding that the Defendants aided and abetted the commission of tortious conduct by the Principals and awarding damages to the Trustee; and
5. And for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

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## EXHIBIT A

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## EXHIBIT B

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| Account | Date | Transaction Type | Num | Name | Amount | Entity |
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| 100107 Citizens Bank | 4/24/2013 Check |  |  | Opt Three Solutions, Inc. | -11,250.00 LLC |  |
| 100107 Citizens Bank | 5/3/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. |  |  |
| 100107 Citizens Bank | 5/33/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -12,5 |  |
| 100107 Citizens Bank | 5/20/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -11,2 |  |
| 100107 Citizens Bank | 6/26/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -16,0 |  |
| 100107 Citizens Bank | $713 / 2$ |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -17, |  |
| 100107 Citizens Bank | $7 / 18 / 2$ |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -23, |  |
| 100107 Citizens Bank | 81/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -32, |  |
| 100109 Fidelity Bank 3842 | 8/2212 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -17,2 |  |
| 100109 Fidelity Bank 3842 | 8/30/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. |  |  |
| 100109 Fidelity Bank 3842 | 9/19/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. |  |  |
| 100109 Fidelity Bank 3842 | 9/30/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. |  |  |
| 100109 Fidelity Bank 3842 | 10/16/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -33, |  |
| 100109 Fidelity Bank 3842 | 10/29/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -35, |  |
| 100109 Fidelity Bank 3842 | 11/191/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. |  |  |
| 100009 Fidelity Bank 3842 | 12/3/21 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. |  |  |
| 100009 Fidelity Bank 3842 | $121 / 77$ |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -84, |  |
| 100109 Fidelity Bank 3842 | $12 / 31 / 2$ |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. |  |  |
| 100108 Wells Fargo 0272 | $1 / 301$ |  | 1034 | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. |  |  |
| 100115 Wells Fargo 6715 | 2/11/2 |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. | -72, |  |
| 100114 Wells Fargo 8506 |  |  |  | Opt 3 Solutions, Inc. |  |  |
| PNC Bank | 3/21/2 | 年ck | 3131 | Opt3 |  |  |
| PNC Bank |  |  |  | Opt3 |  |  |

