### OCCC CASE NO. L24-00027

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	<b>BEFORE THE</b>
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MASTER FILE NO.: 2631	§	OFFICE OF CONSUMER
FIRST TEXAS CASH INC.	§	
d/b/a CASH PLUS PAWN	§	<b>CREDIT COMMISSIONER</b>
2056 HWY. 157 N.	§	
MANSFIELD, TEXAS 76063	§	STATE OF TEXAS

#### ORDER TO FILE TIMELY AND ACCURATE ANNUAL REPORTS

The Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner ("OCCC") issues this Order to File Timely and Accurate Annual Reports against First Texas Cash Inc. d/b/a Cash Plus Pawn ("Cash Plus Pawn").<sup>1</sup>

#### Statement of Facts and Law

Cash Plus Pawn is a pawnshop licensed by the OCCC under Chapter 371 of the Texas Finance Code. Cash Plus Pawn operates under master file number 2631 at multiple licensed locations, under license numbers 46093, 7736, 59989, 150873, 153081, 154598, 160463, 164689, and 169948. Cash Plus Pawn's compliance officer is Don Payne Payne, and its designated contact address is 2056 Hwy. 157 N., Mansfield, Texas 76063.

A pawnshop must file annual reports with the OCCC.<sup>2</sup> A pawnshop must comply with all instructions from the OCCC relating to submitting the report, and must file a report for each licensed location.<sup>3</sup> The report is due by July 31 of each year for the prior calendar year's activity.<sup>4</sup>

Cash Plus Pawn did not file its 2022 annual report by the deadline of July 31, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 371.201; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.502.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.502.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.502; https://occc.texas.gov/industry/pawnshops-and-pawn-employees/annual-reports

The Consumer Credit Commissioner ("Commissioner") may issue an injunction ordering a pawnshop to file one or more complete, accurate, and timely annual reports if the Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the pawnshop is violating Chapter 371 of the Texas Finance Code.<sup>5</sup>

The Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that Cash Plus Pawn is violating Chapter 371 of the Texas Finance Code, and therefore issues this Order, because Cash Plus Pawn failed to timely file its 2022 annual report.

# Order

IT IS ORDERED that First Texas Cash Inc. d/b/a Cash Plus Pawn:

- 1. comply with, and cease and desist from violating, the reporting requirements set forth in 371.201 of the Texas Finance Code and Title 7, Section 85.502 of the Texas Administrative Code;
- 2. file its 2022 annual report no later than 30 days after the date of this Order, if it has not already done so; and
- 3. timely file complete and accurate future annual reports.

Pawnshop annual reports must be submitted through the OCCC's Application Licensing Examination and Compliance System (ALECS): alecs.occc.texas.gov. Instructions are available by clicking the "File Annual Report" button on the OCCC's home page, occc.texas.gov.

# Violation of Order

If you violate this Order, the OCCC may impose an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 for each day.<sup>6</sup> Multiple violations may also result in the suspension or revocation of your license.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Tex. Fin. Code §§ 14.208, 371.302(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Tex. Fin. Code §§ 14.208(c), 371.303; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.604(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 371.251; 7 Tex. Admin. Code § 85.604(b).

## **Right to Request Hearing**

You have the right to request a hearing regarding this Order.<sup>8</sup> To request a hearing, you must send a written hearing request to the OCCC no later than 30 days after the date of this Order.<sup>9</sup> You must send your request to Vivek Vedanarayanan, Assistant General Counsel, by mail to 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, or by email to vivek.vedanarayanan@occc.texas.gov.

If you request a hearing, a hearing on this matter will be set and conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001 of the Texas Government Code.<sup>10</sup> If you fail to request a hearing by the deadline, this Order will be considered final and enforceable.<sup>11</sup>

All communications with the OCCC concerning this matter must be through Vivek Vedanarayanan, Assistant General Counsel, who may be contacted by mail at 2601 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705, by telephone at 512-936-7623, or by email at vivek.vedanarayanan@occc.texas.gov

Signed this 2nd day of February, 2024.

<u>/s/ Leslie Pettijohn</u> Leslie L. Pettijohn Consumer Credit Commissioner State of Texas

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

<sup>9</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Tex. Fin. Code § 14.208(c).

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on February 2, 2024, a true and correct copy of this Order to File Timely and Accurate Annual Reports has been sent to First Texas Cash Inc. d/b/a Cash Plus Pawn by regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, at:

CMRRR# 9214 8901 9403 8300 0043 5938 65 First Texas Cash Inc. Attn: Don Payne Payne, Compliance Officer 2056 Hwy. 157 N. Mansfield, TX 76063

CMRRR# 9214 8901 9403 8300 0043 5938 72 First Texas Cash Inc. Attn: Don Payne, Registered Agent 7 Mistywood Ct. Mansfield, TX 76063

/s/ Vivek V. Vedanarayanan

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