

Eight Companies Receive Notice for Alleged MS No-Call Violations

JACKSON — Commissioner Brent Bailey announced today the Public Service Commission in cooperation with the Attorney General's Office has sent a Notice of Alleged Violation (NAV) to eight companies for alleged violations of the Mississippi No-Call law.

The eight companies suspected of violating the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-701, et seq. include:

- AM Protection, Inc.
- Straight Marketing
- Student Loan Financial Assistance, LLC
- Thrio Inc.
- Crisp Marketing, LLC
- Transparent BPO, LLC
- Vacation Tour and Travel
- Zealous Services, Inc.

An investigation by the Commission and Office of

the Attorney General found these companies have allegedly been calling numerous consumers whose numbers are on the Mississippi Do Not Call Registry. The eight companies represent 180 complaints. The Office of the Attorney General sent the NAVs on behalf of the Commission. The NAVs allow companies an informal opportunity to resolve the alleged violations before further litigation. If the company is found guilty of the violation, they are subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000 for each violation.

"So far this year, Mississippi consumers have filed 13,090 complaints to our No Call Specialists in the Central District," Commissioner Bailey said. "Our efforts are strengthened when you

report these calls, giving us ammunition to go after these companies as we continue our fight with support of the Attorney General's team, specifically Special Assistant Attorney General James Rankin. Last week, we sent out a newsletter educating consumers about the technologies and tools needed to stop these calls, how to register for the No Call list, and

*Kidnapped

(Continued from page 1.) that Charles Lidelle Moore pulled a gun on Shanetta Andrews and her daughter, attempting to kidnap both of them. However, the daughter was able to escape. But, he took the mother. The daughter said that the man (kidnapper) was the mother's ex-boyfriend.

Holmes County Sheriff Willie March said that Moore has a history of violence and has served time for aggravated assault.

According to Sheriff March, the vehicle in which they were traveling was found abandoned in Duck Hill near the Interstate 55 exit.

On Thursday, November 18, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (MBI), which has been assisting the Sheriff's office in the case, said that Miss Andrews had been located and found safe. She was found just after 6:30 p.m. in Carroll County.

The suspected kidnapper has been arrested and is in custody.

The Holmes County Herald does not confirm nor substantiate any of the charges or facts pertaining to the arrests of the person(s). All individuals are considered until proven guilty.

how to report illegal telemarketers."

Businesses and residents may register for the No Call program via mail, using the Mississippi No Call App, calling the toll free number 1-86NOCALLMS (1-866-622-5567) or by visiting the home page of the No Call program: <https://www.psc.ms.gov/nocall/home>. Should you receive an illegal telemarketing or fraudulent scam call or text message, you can file a complaint via <https://www.psc.state.ms.us/NoCallV2/complaint.aspx> or by using the app.



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As a reminder, domestic LLC owners can file annual reports on the Secretary of State's website at no cost.

Annual reports are due by April 15th of each year, and our office sends numerous reminders, via electronic mail and traditional mail, reminding our Mississippi LLCs of upcoming filing deadlines and responsibilities.

Businesses may report deceptive or misleading solicitations to our office or the Mississippi Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline is 1-800-281-4418.

For more information, please contact the Secretary of State's Business Services Division at customerservice@sos.ms.gov or (601)359-1633.

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By Timothy E. Parker

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