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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

COPANS MOTORS, INC,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL DIVISION 25

CASE NO.: CACE-18-021221

VS.

SHIRAAZ SOOKRALLI, individually; et al.

Defendants.

Filed In Open Court, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ON 9-11-18

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S EX PARTE VERIFIED MOTION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Plaintiff's, COPANS MOTORS, INC ("Plaintiff"), Ex Parte Verified Motion for Temporary Injunction ("Motion"), and the Court having reviewed the Motion, hearing argument from counsel and otherwise being duly advised, the Court makes the following FINDINGS:

- 1. Plaintiff filed this action on September 7, 2018 against SHIRAAZ SOOKRALLI ("Shiraaz"), DEVIKA BUDHRAM ("Devika"), their fictitious company CHAMPION AUTOSPORT ("Autosport"), and VILMA K. SOOKRALLI ("Vimla").
- 2. Contemptuously with the filing of the Complaint, Plaintiff filed the following Motion, alleging that Shiraaz, a former employee, defrauded consumers into believing they were purchasing high-end, rare Porsches through the Plaintiff, when in-fact the vehicles did not exist.
- 3. Plaintiff alleges that Shiraaz created fraudulent Buyer Deposit Agreements, and by his own admission defrauded approximately twenty-four consumers, and stole \$2,560,198.00 in deposits. Shiraaz had the consumers deliver the deposits to a bank account held by Autosport. Shiraaz and Devika are believed to have complete control over the bank account.

- 4. Upon discovering this ongoing scheme Plaintiff requests this Court to freeze Autosport's bank account, and to have the bank provide all transaction from the account from 2015 to present, to determine the scope of the fraud.
- 5. The Court finds Plaintiff will suffer irreparable harm if the relief is not granted. The account is in the sole control of Shiraaz and Devika. Plaintiff has received numerous calls from consumers inquiring regarding their deposits and the vehicles at issue. Plaintiff has no knowledge if any of the funds remain the account and does not contain sufficient documentation to determine how much each consumer deposited.
- 6. Plaintiff lacks an adequate remedy at law to freeze the account and obtain the information needed to protect itself and the consumers.
- 7. The Court finds that based on the verified allegations, including allegations of Shiraaz own admission to the alleged acts, there is a substantial likelihood of success on the merits.
- 8. Lastly, the Court finds an injunction would serve the public interest, as the consumers would have a claim of ownership to the funds. *See TJ Mgmt. Group, L.L.C. v. Zidon*, 990 So.2d 623, 625 (Fla. 3d DCA 2008) (holding that "an order freezing funds held in a bank account for further determination on the ownership rights to those funds is in the nature of an injunction properly entered").

Accordingly it is hereby **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

- 9. Plaintiff's Ex Parte Verified Motion for Temporary Injunction is hereby GRANTED.
- 10. Bank of America, N.A., located at 12381 W. Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, Florida 33323 is hereby Ordered to freeze the account of "Champion Autosport" account number xxxxxxx9135. Additionally, Bank of America, N.A. is hereby ordered to provide Plaintiff's

counsel with all transaction for the subject account from 2010 to present forthwith and without delay.

11. Plaintiff is hereby ordered to post s \$1,500 bond within twenty (20) days.

DONE AND ORDERED at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida on this 11th day of

September 2018.

CAROLLISA PHILLIPS CIRCUIT/COURT JUDGE/

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