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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, *EX REL*. MARK R. HERRING, ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Plaintiff,

v.

TIMOTHY ONEAL WHITE, an individual d/b/a White Renovation and Construction, a/k/a White Renovations,

Defendant.

ORDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING ASSURANCE OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

Upon review of the Complaint and the Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (the "Assurance") entered into between Plaintiff Commonwealth of Virginia, *ex rel*. Mark R. Herring, Attorney General and Timothy Oneal White, individually and doing business as White Renovation and Construction a/k/a White Renovations, and with the consent of the parties, it is hereby ADJUDGED, ORDERED, and DECREED that:

1. The attached Assurance is hereby approved and adopted as an Order of this Court;

2. The Clerk of this Court shall mail a certified copy of this Order to Stephen John Sovinsky, Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Section, 202 North 9th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, and to Timothy Oneal White, 410 Washington Avenue SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016; and

3. This Order and the attached Assurance with judgments contained in Paragraphs 4.0, 5.0, and 6.0 shall be recorded on the Clerk's judgment docket.

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Judge, Circuit Court for the City of Roanoke

WE ASK FOR THIS:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, EX REL. MARK R. HERRING, ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:

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TIMOTHY ONEAL WHITE, individually, and d/b/a White Renovation and Construction a/k/a White Renovations

By: Timothy Oneal White

BRENDA S. HAMILTON, CLERK Deputy Clerk

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ASSURANCE OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

I. <u>PARTIES</u>

1.0 This Assurance of Voluntary Compliance ("Assurance") is entered into by the Commonwealth of Virginia, by, through and at the relation of its Attorney General, Mark R. Herring (the "Attorney General" or the "Commonwealth"), and Timothy Oneal White, individually and doing business as a sole proprietorship under the name of White Renovation and Construction, a/k/a White Renovations ("White").

1.1 Timothy Oneal White is an individual who conducts business as a sole proprietorship under the name of White Renovation and Construction and White Renovations. White currently resides at 410 Washington Avenue SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016. White Renovation and Construction and White Renovations are not incorporated or otherwise registered with the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

1.2 By undertaking for money to bid upon, accepting, and offering to accept a contract for the construction, removal, repair, and improvement in a consumer's home, White is a

CIRCUIT COURT Received & Filed 0:04 Am MAY 0 1 2018 EV ________ Deputy Clerk CITY OF ROANOKE "contractor," as defined in Virginia Code § 54.1-1100, requiring a Virginia contractor's license under Virginia Code § 54.1-1103. Neither Timothy Oneal White nor White Renovation and Construction a/k/a White Renovations is licensed as a contractor by the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation Board for Contractors.

1.3 By advertising, selling, and offering for sale services as a contractor to consumers residing in Virginia, White was at all relevant times mentioned herein, a "supplier" of "goods" or "services," and engaged in "consumer transactions," as those terms are defined in § 59.1-198 of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act ("VCPA"), Virginia Code §§ 59.1-196 through 59.1-207.

1.4 White does not contest that he has advertised to and served a Virginia consumer in the City of Roanoke. White consents to and waives all objections to this Court's jurisdiction for all matters relating to this Assurance's entry, execution, monitoring, and enforcement. White further waives all objections he may have to venue in this Court for all matters relating to this Assurance's entry, execution, monitoring, and enforcement.

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.0 This Assurance is made without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law. This Assurance does not constitute evidence or admission of any issues of fact or law. White enters into this Assurance for the purpose of arriving at a complete, full settlement of any disagreement as to the matters addressed in this Assurance and preceding its execution, which may exist between White and the Attorney General, thereby avoiding unnecessary delay and expense.

2.1 This Assurance shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2.2 This Assurance does not constitute an approval by the Attorney General of any of White's services or practices and White shall not make any representation to the contrary.

2.3 Nothing in this Assurance shall be construed as a waiver of whatever, if any, private rights of action any affected person may have relating to the conduct at issue.

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2.4 Nothing in this Assurance shall permit any person or entity not a signatory hereto to enforce any provision of this Assurance.

2.5 Nothing in this Assurance shall be construed to authorize or require any action by White in violation of applicable federal, state, or other laws.

2.6 White agrees that this Assurance constitutes a legally-enforceable obligation of White in accordance with its terms.

2.7 With the exception of this action, the Commonwealth shall not institute any civil proceeding or take any civil action against White under Virginia Code § 54.1-1115(B)(i) or the VCPA for any conduct that occurred prior to the date this Assurance is signed by all parties and approved and adopted as an Order of the Court (the "Effective Date" of this Assurance) that is based on any service or practice addressed in this Assurance. The Parties agree that if White provided any materially-false information to the Commonwealth during any settlement negotiations between the Parties, including, but not limited to, the certification made in Paragraph 3.6, this release shall be null and void.

2.8 This Assurance applies to Timothy Oneal White, White Renovation and Construction, and White Renovations, together with any employees or agents of the business who engage in any aspect of White's contractor activities.

2.9 This Assurance constitutes the entire agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes all prior agreements or understandings, whether written or oral, between the parties and/or their respective counsel with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any amendment or modification to this Assurance must be in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of all the parties hereto and approved by the Court.

III. ASSURANCES

3.0 White voluntarily agrees to this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance without trial or

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adjudication of any issue of fact or law.

3.1 White agrees to refrain from and to be permanently enjoined from violating Virginia Code § 54.1-1115(B)(i) and § 59.1-200(A)(2), (5), (8), (14), and (46) of the VCPA, including by making any misrepresentations regarding contractor services advertised, offered, and sold, and undertaking work without a valid Virginia contractor's license. White further agrees that engaging in such acts or similar acts after the Effective Date of this Assurance may constitute, dependent upon the facts and circumstances to be later determined, a violation of the Order by which this Assurance is approved and adopted by this Court.

3.2 White agrees to refrain from and to be permanently enjoined from engaging in any and all practices in violation of Virginia Code § 54.1-1115(B)(i) or the VCPA, as they now exist, or as amended in the future.

3.3 White agrees to make available and to disclose the provisions of this Assurance to any employees, agents, and representatives of White Renovation and Construction or White Renovations within five (5) business days of the Effective Date of this Assurance.

3.4 White agrees to be permanently enjoined from entering into, forming, organizing or reorganizing into any partnership, corporation, limited liability company, sole proprietorship or any other legal structures, for the purpose of avoiding compliance with the terms of this Assurance, but is permitted to do any of the aforementioned for tax or legitimate corporate reasons.

3.5 White agrees that he shall not represent that the Attorney General approves of or endorses his past or future business practices, or that the execution of this Assurance constitutes such approval or endorsement.

3.6 White certifies that he has undertaken no other work in his name or as White Renovation and Construction or White Renovations that would require a Class A, B, or C contractor's license

pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 54.1-1100 and 54.1-1103.

IV. <u>RESTITUTION</u>

4.0 The Commonwealth, as trustee, shall have judgment against and recover from, and judgment is hereby entered against, White in the amount of Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6,650), with interest from the Effective Date at the judgment rate of six percent (6%) per annum, for the use and benefit of, and restitution to Douglas Owen Zirkle, who paid monies to White for contractor services which were not provided.

4.1 Any payment made pursuant to any court order¹ for purposes of restitution to Douglas Owen Zirkle relating to the conduct at issue in this Assurance will be deemed a payment to satisfy this restitution judgment, up to the amount outstanding.

V. <u>CIVIL PENALTIES</u>

5.0 The Commonwealth shall have judgment against and recover from, and judgment is hereby entered against, White in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for civil penalties, with interest from the Effective Date at the judgment rate of six percent (6%) per annum. Any amounts paid and collected pursuant to Section V shall be deposited to the Attorney General's Regulatory, Consumer Advocacy, Litigation and Enforcement Revolving Trust Fund.

VI. ATTORNEYS' FEES

6.0 The Commonwealth shall have judgment against and recover from, and judgment is hereby entered against, White in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for reasonable expenses, costs and attorneys' fees in investigating and preparing this action with interest from the Effective Date at the judgment rate of six percent (6%) per annum. Any amounts paid and

¹ The Commonwealth understands that the General District Court of the City of Roanoke has issued an order for judgment for Douglas Owen Zirkle (Case No. GV17007422-00) in the amount of \$7,400 and \$58 in costs in a matter related to the contractor services provided to him by White.

collected pursuant to Section VI shall be deposited to the Attorney General's Regulatory, Consumer Advocacy, Litigation and Enforcement Revolving Trust Fund.

VII. SIGNATURES

7.0 Each undersigned individual represents that he is fully authorized by the Party he represents to enter into this Assurance and to legally bind such Party to the terms and conditions herein.

Signed this <u>30</u> day of <u>*Clipick*</u>, 2018.

FOR THE PLAINTIFF:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, EX REL. MARK R. HERRING, ATTORNEY GENERAL

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