Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Settles with Broker of High-interest Credit Offers

Individual Violated Consumer Financial Protection Act in Brokering Credit Offers to Veterans

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Washington, D.C. — The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau) today announced a settlement with Mark Corbett, a broker of contracts offering high-interest credit to veterans.

As described in the consent order, the Bureau found that Corbett violated the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 by misrepresenting to consumers that the contracts he facilitates are valid and enforceable when, in fact, the contracts are void because veterans' pension payments are unassignable under federal law; misrepresenting to consumers that the offered product is a purchase of payments and not a high-interest credit offer; misrepresenting to consumers when they will receive their funds; and failing to disclose to consumers the applicable interest rate on the credit offer.

Under the terms of the consent order, Corbett is permanently banned from brokering, offering, or arranging agreements between veterans and third parties under which the veteran purports to sell a future right to an income stream from the veteran's pension. Corbett must also pay a civil money penalty of $1, an amount that accounts for Corbett's inability to pay more based on sworn financial statements that he provided to the Bureau and Corbett's ongoing cooperation with the Bureau's investigation.

The Bureau’s investigation is being conducted in partnership with the Office of Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge and the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs.


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