

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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LINHART REALTY GROUP, LLC)
D/B/A RE/MAX RESULTS,)
 Plaintiff,)

vs.)

Case No. 2025-CP-23-05006

ADAM MATTHEW STEINBERGER,)
)
 Defendant/Counterclaimant.)

AMENDMENT TO ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES, AND COUNTERCLAIM

Defendant/Counterclaimant Adam Matthew Steinberger, proceeding pro se, hereby amends his Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaim filed November 9, 2025, to add claims based on violations of the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Code of Ethics and to supplement the evidentiary record as follows:

I. SUPPLEMENTAL EVIDENCE

1. Defendant/Counterclaimant supplements the record with the following additional exhibits:

Exhibit Alpha: Sworn Testimony and Documentation of NAR Code of Ethics Violations, detailing Counterdefendant's breaches of professional standards governing real estate agents licensed in the State of South Carolina.

II. ADDITIONAL AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Violations of NAR Code of Ethics)

2. Counterdefendant Jackson Batson, as a licensed Realtor®, is bound by the National Association of Realtors Code of Ethics, which establishes mandatory professional standards for all licensed real estate agents.
3. Counterdefendant violated multiple provisions of the NAR Code of Ethics in his dealings with Defendant, including but not limited to the following:

A. Standard of Practice 10-1 (Panic Selling)

4. Counterdefendant engaged in conduct designed to induce panic selling by exploiting Defendant's disclosed financial hardship and emotional distress. Rather than offering alternative options favorable to Defendant's fiduciary needs (such as waiting until peak selling season or converting to online studies and moving back home), Counterdefendant pressured Defendant to produce additional funds and proceed with an unfavorable transaction. See Exhibit Alpha.

B. Standard of Practice 11-1 (Duty to Prepare Opinions of Real Property Value)

5. Counterdefendant failed to provide Defendant with any justification for the property valuations used in the transaction. Counterdefendant valued Defendant's home at \$290,000 and referenced a separate property at \$275,000 without providing the required basis for these opinions, including applicable market data, limiting conditions, or disclosure of conflicts of interest. See Exhibit Alpha.

C. Standard of Practice 1-3 (Deliberate Misleading of Market Value)

6. Counterdefendant deliberately misled Defendant as to the market value of his home by providing valuations without justification, possibly with the intent to force a panic sale at a price unfavorable to Defendant. See Exhibit Alpha.

D. Article 2 (Misrepresentation and Exaggeration)

7. Counterdefendant engaged in exaggeration, misrepresentation, and concealment of pertinent facts relating to the transaction, including: (a) exaggerating the conditions of sale by failing to offer alternative options; (b) misrepresenting himself as a Christian and the buyer as a "seasoned business guy" to earn unwarranted trust; (c) misrepresenting the true nature of the dual agency relationship; (d) concealing that the buyer had sufficient funds to close without Defendant's vehicle; and (e) misrepresenting that cash to close was an acceptable alternative, then claiming this was "not the intent of that message" after Defendant relied upon it. See Exhibit Alpha.

E. Standard of Practice 1-12 (Dual Agency Disclosure)

8. Counterdefendant failed to properly disclose and explain the ramifications of dual agency to Defendant, a vulnerable individual with an undiagnosed cognitive disability. The Dual Agency Agreement was never signed by Defendant, yet Counterdefendant continued to send this document even up to the week of closing, demonstrating that proper informed consent was never obtained. See Exhibit Alpha.

F. Article 9 (Signed and Initialed Agreements)

9. Counterdefendant failed to ensure that all agreements related to the transaction were properly signed by all parties. The Dual Agency Agreement remains unsigned by Defendant

to this day, yet Counterdefendant proceeded as if dual agency had been properly established. See Exhibit Alpha.

G. Article 17 and Standards of Practice 17-1, 17-2 (Failure to Mediate/Arbitrate)

10. Counterdefendant failed to offer mediation or arbitration before initiating litigation, as required by the NAR Code of Ethics. Despite being legally obligated to pursue alternative dispute resolution, Counterdefendant encouraged Defendant to "contact an attorney" and proceeded directly to litigation without offering mediation or arbitration. See Exhibit Alpha.

H. Standard of Practice 1-5 (Informed Consent)

12. Counterdefendant failed to obtain full informed consent from Defendant before proceeding with dual agency representation. Defendant, who was suffering from an undiagnosed cognitive disability, showed clear signs of not being properly informed on the mechanics of the sale even after signing documents. See Exhibit Alpha.

I. Standard of Practice 9-2 (Reasonable Efforts to Explain)

13. Counterdefendant failed to make reasonable efforts to explain the nature and specific terms of the contractual relationships being established. Defendant was rushed through "a slew of paperwork" without proper explanation, and Counterdefendant failed to accommodate Defendant's cognitive disability. See Exhibits Alpha.

J. Standard of Practice 1-6 (Objectivity)

14. Counterdefendant failed to submit offers and counter-offers objectively. When Defendant made multiple attempts to renegotiate the transaction, Counterdefendant pressured Defendant to conform to the original offer rather than objectively presenting alternatives. Counterdefendant responded with "emotional intensity in protest" when Defendant exercised the cash option that Counterdefendant himself had confirmed. See Exhibit Alpha.

K. Standard of Practice 1-9 (Confidential Information)

15. Counterdefendant used confidential information about Defendant's personal hardship, religious convictions, and vulnerable financial situation to Defendant's disadvantage, including sharing Defendant's "situation" with the buyer and using this information to pressure Defendant into an unfavorable transaction. See Exhibit Alpha.

L. Article 1 (Fiduciary Duties)

16. Counterdefendant failed to protect and promote Defendant's interests as required. Instead, Counterdefendant prioritized closing the transaction and earning a commission over Defendant's best interests, failing to present favorable alternatives and pressuring Defendant into an unusual transaction that was not in Defendant's best interest. See Exhibit Alpha.

M. Standard of Practice 1-11 (Protection Against Losses)

17. Counterdefendant failed to exercise due diligence to protect Defendant's property against foreseeable losses. Counterdefendant refused to release Defendant from the Exclusive Rights to Representation Agreement and failed to return Defendant's keys, preventing Defendant from regaining possession and control of his property. See Exhibit Alpha.

N. Standards of Practice 12-8 and 12-10 (Misleading Consumers)

18. Counterdefendant maintained false online advertisements listing Defendant's house for sale while actively refusing to facilitate a sale, making multiple changes to the Zillow listing (fed from the MLS) that misled consumers about the property's availability. See Exhibit Alpha.

III. ADDITIONAL COUNTERCLAIM

COUNT V - VIOLATIONS OF NAR CODE OF ETHICS

19. Counterclaimant incorporates by reference all allegations set forth in the original Counterclaim and in this Amendment.

20. Counterdefendant, as a licensed Realtor® in the State of South Carolina, is bound by the National Association of Realtors Code of Ethics as a condition of his licensure.

21. Counterdefendant violated no fewer than twenty (20) provisions of the NAR Code of Ethics in his dealings with Counterclaimant, as documented in Exhibit Alpha attached hereto.

22. These violations include, but are not limited to: engaging in panic selling tactics; failing to provide proper valuations; misrepresenting material facts; failing to obtain informed consent for dual agency; failing to offer mediation or arbitration; discriminating against Counterclaimant on the basis of disability and religion; and failing to uphold fiduciary duties.

23. Counterdefendant's violations of the NAR Code of Ethics constitute a breach of the professional standards required for licensure and provide additional grounds for the relief sought herein.

24. As a direct and proximate result of Counterdefendant's violations of the NAR Code of Ethics, Counterclaimant has suffered damages including but not limited to: loss of his vehicle; emotional distress; the burden of defending against this litigation; harm to his credit and financial situation; and attorney's fees incurred in this matter.

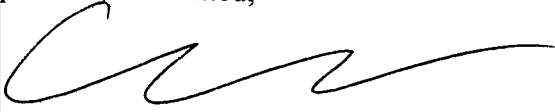
IV. AMENDED PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Defendant/Counterclaimant Adam Matthew Steinberger respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint with prejudice;
- B. Enter judgment in favor of Defendant on Plaintiff's claims;

- C. Enter judgment in favor of Counterclaimant on all counts of the Counterclaim, including the additional Count V for NAR Code of Ethics Violations;
- D. Award Counterclaimant compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial;
- E. Award Counterclaimant reimbursement of attorney's fees incurred in the amount of \$3,500.00;
- F. Award Counterclaimant punitive damages for Counterdefendant's willful and wanton misconduct;
- G. Award Counterclaimant costs incurred in this action;
- H. Refer Counterdefendant to the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) and the National Association of Realtors for investigation of the Code of Ethics violations documented herein;
- I. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: 1/20/26

SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBIT

Exhibit Alpha: Sworn testimony and documentation of NAR Code of Ethics violations by Counterdefendant.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 20 day of January, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Amendment to Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Counterclaim was served upon all counsel of record by USPS to:

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Exhibit Alpha

Sworn Testimony and Documentation of NAR Code of Ethics Violations, detailing Counterdefendant's breaches of professional standards governing real estate agents licensed in the State of South Carolina.

1. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 10-1. *Panic Selling*.

When involved in the sale or lease of a residence, Realtors® shall not volunteer information regarding the racial, religious or ethnic composition of any neighborhood nor shall they engage in any activity which may result in panic selling, however, Realtors® may provide other demographic information.

Background

Disabled seller approached agent in early 2025 (earliest email records indicate 17 Feb 2025, see Exhibit A) that he found online that he had never met before and did not know personally in any way in a panic due to disability and personal hardship and divulged personal hardship to agent, also due to disability. These included details about deep personal religious convictions, wholesale rejection from friends and family, a recent job loss and the loss of a tenant for his house for which perceived disability was the main cause. Disabled seller indicates to agent that he moved from his house in Travelers Rest, SC to Wake Forest, NC to attend seminary studies and was experiencing these hardships as a result of this decision. Disabled seller also communicates to agent that he is under water on the mortgage. Agent then communicates to disabled seller that additional funds must be available in some way in order to cover the combined note and closing costs. Disabled seller is unaware due to disability that he may have had enough in savings at the time to either cover the mortgage and wait to sell until peak selling season or move back to his home and convert his studies into online learning. Disabled seller engaged with agent several times via phone call yelling in extreme panic and making extreme statements. These included statements like, "I'm just going to buy a ticket to Israel". As a trained and licensed real estate agent, agent should have known that these tactics (encouraging disabled seller to produce additional funds to complete a sale instead of offering alternative options) would induce further panic in disabled seller. As a trained and licensed real estate agent, agent should have known that a materially significant amount of these closing costs includes his own commission and that disabled seller would be responsible for producing these funds if the sale were to push through to completion. Disabled seller unknowingly walked into a dangerous environment from which this information could be used against him to his detriment. As a trained and licensed real estate agent, agent should have known that engaging in pressure tactics in order to induce a panic sale is against the NAR Code of Ethics that he agreed to in order to complete his licensing and engage in active realtorship in South Carolina and the United States of America.

Evidence

Agent offers to share seller's personal hardship to a prospective buyer. As a trained and licensed real estate agent, agent should have known that the emotional distress and divulgence of personal hardship and religious convictions to a complete and total stranger was a clear indicator of disability and that this information could and should not be used unethically against disabled seller to disabled seller's detriment. As a trained and licensed real estate agent, agent should have known that this individual was vulnerable and prepared to engage with disabled seller appropriately. Agent is not explicitly made aware of seller's disability, as seller himself was not aware of disability either, however disability on part of seller given the circumstances should have been assumed by agent. Agent then introduces creative sale option to disabled seller by offering to add a personal vehicle into the sale. Text messages on 1 Mar 2025 prompted by agent ask, "Are you okay with me sharing your situation with buyer?", to which disabled seller responds, "Yes". Later that same day agent prompts disabled seller again. This time agent prompts, "Do you have a car you are going to be selling? Buyer is trying to come up with some creative ways to make this work", to which disabled seller responds, "Yes I can sell my car, also have a motorcycle I need to sell." Disabled seller was not made fully aware of the unusual nature of this kind of transaction. Disabled seller does not prompt this himself, the unusual arrangement is suggested by agent and not by disabled seller. Agent does not offer alternative options. Agent should have sought to calm down disabled seller appropriately and offered options favorable to disabled seller, not attempt to insight further emotional distress in disabled seller in order to exercise a panic sale. As stated above, these option should have included waiting until peak selling season to sell in order

to cover the note and closing costs in full at time of closing and an option to **move back home and continue studies online.** (See Exhibit B)

Disabled seller then unknowingly follows along, providing detailed information about his personal vehicle to agent. **Agent then prompts disabled seller for details about the additional personal vehicle mentioned prior.** Disabled seller then **unknowingly** offers detailed information regarding the **additional personal vehicle.** **Agent encourages behavior of disabled seller under the grounds of being creative.** As a trained and licensed real estate agent, agent should have known that this was **engaging in the exercise of a panic sale** by using deception or manipulation to put seller at ease **instead of offering favorable alternatives to sale.** (See Exhibit C)

Agent then uses disabled seller's disability symptomology of active emotional distress and panic to engage in pressure tactics in order to start forcing a panic sale. Agent seeks to **earn unwarranted trust** in disabled seller by **easing concerns through deception or manipulation,** making claims that **buyer is a person of some kind of authority** and therefore can be trusted. Agent also **induces unwarranted trust** by making claims about being **well connected.** This includes making the following statements, **"Buyer is a seasoned business guy,"** followed by **"I'm going to reach out to some folks in my network,"** then by **"Full mortgage balance is due at closing. Perhaps we can sell vehicles or due personal loan or other creative option. If it goes to foreclosure it stays on credit 8 years."** Disabled seller is **not made aware at this time** that prospective buyer is a **personal contact of agent.** Disabled seller at this time is **not made aware of the full nature of dual agency** in real estate transactions. Agent may have had prospective buyer already lined up ready to buy, waiting for the opportunity to force a sale. **Disabled seller first offers to sell personal property separately** and bring cash to the deal by stating, **"Okay yeah let's see if we can get the car and motorcycle sold this week that hopefully will solve this."** Agent then responds by **prompting disabled seller not to do this,** but instead to add personal property into the deal. Agent prompts this by stating, **"The buyer may be able to work cars or bikes into deal somehow. Just a thought if he needs a car down here for work".** Disabled seller **does not realize due to disability** that selling personal property separately and bringing cash to deal **would have been a better option,** and that agent may have been lying about buyer's intentions. **Buyer may have been attempting to buy in order to flip both car and house after the exercise of a panic sale.** Disabled seller is **not made aware by agent** of these intentions if they did exist, is **not made aware by agent** that this was **real risk to consider when exercising this option** and is **not made aware by agent** that including this property in the sale was an **unusual and not a favorable option** for his own fiduciary needs. Disabled seller is **not made aware by agent** that moving home to his house in **Travelers Rest would have allowed him to keep his car and get back into an industry job and complete his degree online.** Agent even offers to acquire disabled seller's motorcycle, by stating **"I use powersports... If need me to go by dor you i can."** (See Exhibit D)

Agent then uses **religious manipulation** against disabled seller stating, **"Me and my family are praying this all works out too,"** in order to manipulate disabled seller into **further exercising the panic sale.** As stated above, **disabled seller has never met agent before and has no evidence** to suggest that agent is actually in fact religious in any way. Disabled seller is **unaware that he may be falling for a form of coercion** regarding an **usual transaction** and that **his actual instincts towards removing personal property from the deal are correct and are being redirected** (possibly intentionally) by agent into **more unfavorable terms** for disabled seller. (See Exhibit E)

Disabled seller then **sends pictures of his car to agent.** (See Exhibit F)

Agent then sends disabled seller his outline for the panic sale he has just engineered. The deal was to include, **"\$310,000 cash for house and car together. With the other house being \$275,000 -- he still likes yours better and wants to make this work so basically \$290,000 on house and \$20,000 on car. It gives you enough for closing and hopefully kills two birds with one stone and gets you out from under the house."** Agent even

includes his own personal address in an exchange with disabled seller. Disabled seller is given **zero justification by agent as to why his house has valued at \$290K**, and **zero justification by agent as to why another house that was introduced into the conversation was valued at \$275K**. As a **trained and licensed real estate agent**, **agent should have known that he is required to produce this information in order to properly inform disabled seller of the decision he is making**. (See Exhibit G)

Agent then introduces disabled seller of **an option to extend the closing date and allow the buyer to gain occupancy to disabled seller's house prior to closing**. Disabled seller is starting to realize that he may be **falling for a scam**. Agent suggests, **"Would you have any issue closing on 3/28 versus 3/21 so the buyer can be here in person?"** Agent then continues to engineer an early occupancy by later suggesting, **"Instead of extending, they may be able to close as early as the 14th if the attorney gets everything reviewed in time. Would that work?"** Then later agent asks disabled seller, **"if for some reason they cannot close on the 14th the seller was curious if you could let them do an early occupancy because they will be down here the week of the 14th anyway visiting family."** Disabled seller realizes that this is a **bad idea**, as **this would allow buyer to engage in a bad faith pretextual possession of the house**, and responds to request from agent with, **"I want to get this date set in stone. If I can get a date setup and confirmed we can talk about early occupancy."** Disabled seller follows this up with, **"I appreciate your help with this by the way, I look forward to getting to meet y'all in person. God is good!"** Disabled seller is still wanting to assume buyer and agent are acting in good faith and is pushing early occupancy options in order to protect himself. (See Exhibit H)

On 10 Mar 2025, disabled seller has realized by now that this may be a scam he has fallen for. Disabled seller sends message to agent stating, **"I am a little confused, it appears that one of the buyers is a real estate agent and also Carvana says my car is worth \$21,800. Was the \$3000 earnest money received? Also the contract says the buyers have to prove the securing of a loan which I'm confused about as I thought this was a cash deal, can they confirm the loan has been secured? Also it looks like agents acting as buyers have to disclose this information during the sale, why was I not informed about this?"** Disabled seller is trying to see where agent and buyer may have had gaps in due diligence so he can safely try and back out of the deal. (See Exhibit I)

Disabled seller then expressed his concern explicitly, **"Just feeling a little uneasy that maybe this is not exactly the best deal even given the situation that we discussed and if we can get out and sell at a higher price to someone else maybe a few months down the road then I can keep the car which would be ideal, maybe it's best we back out of the current deal and then your friend can buy the house down the street and we can find someone to buy for higher when the markets go up in a few months? What are your thoughts?"** Disabled seller realizes this deal is unfavorable to himself, and also realizes that at least monetarily it is unfavorable to the buyer as well. Disabled seller realizes that **he would be better off selling his car to a third party and bringing cash to the table instead**. Disabled seller offers this as an alternative option to agent. Disabled seller then responds with more details, **"Before we speak can you provide me with written documentation for those two items please? That will affect the conversation and I don't want to waste anyone's time in the meantime. Also, I'm still not sure why I was not made aware of the realtor status of [buyer] but we can discuss after I get those docs please and thank you."** Also there is still clearly **misunderstanding around how buyer is paying for this transaction**, further suggestion disability in seller and **blatant lack of appropriate accommodations on the part of agent**. As a **trained and licensed real estate agent**, **agent should not be in a position where buyer is still unaware of the exact details of the transaction scheduled to close only four days out**. Seller should never have been in a position where he was still unaware of these actual details of the sale of his own house and was actively being coerced into the sale without this knowledge. Disabled seller states, **"Oh okay that makes sense then."** **Agent should have been aware that disabled seller was not clear on the mechanics of the sale**. Agent does not realize that disabled seller is gifted in specific ways, including but not limited to critical thinking skills enabling him to acquire a 3.7 GPA at a world renown seminary. Agent does not realize that disabled seller is also gifted in high levels of pattern recognition and

is able to spot inconsistencies that non-disabled people often do not. Disabled seller has now realized he may have been scammed. (See Exhibit J)

Disabled seller then communicates to agent that this remains an unfavorable deal to him and his current situation, asking how to remove his car from the deal while outlining hardship as the reason. Disabled seller writes, "**just curious if there's anyway I can keep this car otherwise things are difficult post sale as im sure you can understand.**" Disabled seller also continues by requesting cash be brought to the table instead of his car, "**Well how much \$ exactly is required for the sale? If I have that much in my account maybe it would be better to just pay it out of pocket.**" (See Exhibit K)

Disabled seller then again requests that the car be replace with cash to close the deal due to ongoing personal hardship. Disabled seller states, "**If there's any way at all that I can keep this car I would really appreciate we discuss this. There is way more than enough funding for these people [buyer] to buy this house without the car involved. If I lose the car then I won't be able to get to classes or to a job. This will make things way worse for me. Please I am praying for some grace here, I will be unemployable without transportation. And I have no note on the car, it is free, I just have insurance to pay for it.**" (See Exhibit L)

Disabled seller then is surprised by agent who provides disabled seller with a cash option for the sale, confirmed by closing attorney. Agent states, "**Just spoke to the closing attorney. Cash needed to close: You'd get \$2,681.86 back with car as part of deal and \$17,318.14 due without car.**" Agent may have assumed disabled seller would not act on this option and likely offered \$17K in cash thinking disabled seller did not have enough outside of selling his car to close the deal with cash. Agent may have been trying to force the sale so buyer could flip both house and car for profit. Disabled seller then pressed further, asking that both car and cash options be exchanged for a sale at a higher price. Agent previously sent proof of fund from buyer to disabled seller and disabled seller knew buyer had enough in cash to buy at a higher price that would cover all cost both principle and closing. Disabled seller states, "**is it in the heart of the buyer to raise the price that I may keep the car, or for them to move on to a different house? If I am to lose the car, it honestly would be more sensible to just be late on the mortgage for a few months while I look for a job and find a buyer that will allow me to keep the car. If I lose the car then it will also be very difficult to find work even something simple like working for a restaurant and if I cannot make it to school then I may be kicked out of school as well. Just asking and praying that the buyer is understanding about all of this.**" Again, disabled seller is expressing personal hardship that would be exacerbated by closing on the originally proposed deal. Disabled seller realizes at this point that agent was not acting in good faith and was exercising this transition in way that **did not uphold agent's obligations to disabled seller's fiduciary needs**. Disabled seller even explains to agent that closing on this deal exactly could result in disabled seller becoming homeless. Disabled seller writes, "**with no job it's at the expense of shortening how much time I have to find work before I am on the streets.**" This is an extreme abuse of power that should not in any way have been exercised by agent. (See Exhibit M)

Disabled seller decides to take the cash offer in good faith as confirmed by agent and closing attorney. Disabled seller writes, "**I sold the car and will have cash for the closing instead,**" and "**Also is it possible to do this virtually? Otherwise I need to book a flight to GVL and all of that.**" Agent then responds to this in protest and shock. Agent writes, "**You sold the car??**" and "**You will need to be here in person,**" and "**Sc requires wet signature on deed,**" and "**And the car was part of the house contract,**" and "**That was not the intent of that message.**" Agent made a claim that the newly proposed option was allowed, disabled seller acted on it in good faith, and had no reason to believe that agent was providing him this information with any other intention aside from providing disabled seller with a second option upon which to act if he so chose to. Disabled seller exercised this option in good faith assuming that agent was telling the truth. Agent did not disclose to disabled seller that this new deal that he had given disabled seller the authority to exercise as confirmed by closing attorney would need to be confirmed with buyer. Disabled seller exercised this option assuming in good faith that buyer was made aware that a second option was made available as is the obligation of agent to perform

when agreeing to new terms. Agent failed to perform his legal duties as a trained and licensed real estate agent. Agent's response came as a complete surprise to disabled seller. (See Exhibits N, W, X, Y, Z)

Disabled seller then supports his decision by reminding agent that **buyer had enough cash to close** on this transaction **even without his car** added to the deal. Disabled seller states, "Also, mind you, the document you sent with proof of funds has a balance of \$478,320.42 as of 1/24/25. Your buyer clearly has more than enough, or did at least, to pay for this deal car or not car, and also enough to move on and get the other house if that is what they prefer." Disabled seller is still unsure if agent ever offered any of these other options to buyer at all, as this request was made multiple times by disabled seller and either alternative option may also have been more advantageous to buyer as well. Disabled seller then requests that all communications via phone call moving forward be recorded in order to protect himself. Disabled seller writes, "Only if you're comfortable that I record the phone call otherwise text or email only please." (See Exhibits O, R)

Text communication between agent and disabled seller ends with agent requesting that disabled seller contact an attorney. Agent does not offer mediation. Agent also does not offer arbitration. As a trained and licensed real estate agent, agent should have known that he is legally bound to offer mediation and arbitration before resorting to litigation. Agent writes, "I recommend you contact an attorney." Agent also is already fully aware that disabled seller is going through financial hardship and that litigation is an expensive option that disabled seller is not able to afford while in his current position. Agent may have taken this route in order to transition the now defunct transaction into an extortion scenario where agent is now about to try and force financial gain from the situation without even having to sell disabled seller's house. Disabled seller is at risk of homelessness and have no financial ability to obtain material legal support in this now failed transaction. As a trained and licensed real estate agent, agent should have known that it is both deeply unethical and a criminal offense to extort anyone for such a large sum, let alone a vulnerable disabled person at risk of homelessness and now without a car. (See Exhibits P, U)

Disabled seller then made several attempts to be released from representation by agent, for which two weeks went by without any communications. At this time, also buyer was now re-entered the newest deal without agreed consent from disabled seller and flew in to Greenville, South Carolina from Boston, Massachusetts in order to close. After signing at the illegal closing, closing attorney then reached out to disabled seller requesting that he sign the documents from his Wake Forest address remotely via notary. This is in direct contradiction to previous statements made by agent claiming disabled seller's presence was required for closing. Disabled seller then replies to closing attorney confirming he will not be signing the documents (as he did not agree to the new terms). (See Exhibits AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, AG, AH)

Also while all this was happening, agent continued to send disabled seller requests to sign agent's Dual Agency Agreement up into the week of the illegal closing, of which disabled seller has still not signed it and continues to refuse to do so. (See Exhibits AJ, AK)

Later when agent turned to litigation, agent performed the following blunders: he failed to release disabled seller from exclusive rights to sell, he failed to return disabled seller's keys so that disabled seller was unable to regain possession of his own property, and he continued to demand that disabled seller seek legal counsel instead of mediation or arbitration. (See Exhibits AA, AF, AG, AH)

Disabled seller, unable to afford a lawyer at this point, had no choice but to engage in whistleblower activities. Disabled seller saw no other choice made available to him. Disabled seller approached a combination of government agencies, non-government agencies (including LLR and NAR), free legal services (which were declined due to complexity and disabled seller's inability to correctly convey the gravity of his situation due to being disabled), and churches under a pseudonym he used for his missionary work in order to protect himself from damage to his professional reputation as an unemployed software engineer. Disabled seller was then

sent demand letters by agent's new legal team to cease and desist under false allegations of slander. Copy from the litigation lawyer included spiritual abuse in the form of Scripture quotations making false claims about the situation and disabled seller's personal character. The verses used were:

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity." Proverbs 11:3.

"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless." James 1:26

"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body." Ephesians 4:25

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them." Proverbs 11:3

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment." Proverbs 12:19

"Righteous lips are the delight of a king, and he loves him who speaks what is right." Proverbs 16:13

"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18

"Having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another." Ephesians 4:25

"Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit." Proverbs 12:17

"These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace." Zechariah 8:16

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16

"If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth." 1 John 1:6

"Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth." 1 Corinthians 13:6

"Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' To the contrary, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:17-21

(See Exhibits AI, AL, AN, AO)

Disabled seller did at one point hire a lawyer for \$3,500 who agreed to send demand letters for an agreement that disabled seller pay agent \$3,500 to have agent's representation released. Agent and his legal team would not agree to a payment plan of anything under \$15K (their initial request was \$17K) and were also demanding that disabled seller publish a public retraction of all whistleblower activities, a forced lie to the public that would necessarily cause person and professional damage to a now underemployed software professional and seminary student living in extreme poverty with no foreseeable way out. (See Exhibits AM)

After selling his car, disabled seller had no other option due to under/unemployment but to replace his car with a 49-cc moped for \$2,000. This caused innocent disabled seller extreme mental, emotional, social and spiritual harm (including public humiliation in front of his peers at seminary) for which disabled seller is still recovering. Recovery is projected to take 2-3 years. Disabled seller has no material way to speed this process up, it is an unavoidable part of his disability. Disabled seller also found out quickly after purchasing this moped that the vehicle would only operate in warm, dry weather. This led to serious mobility instability, and when combined with extreme poverty also lead to his going without food twice for 24 hour stretches. Disabled seller lived too far from grocery stores, his poverty job and his classes to enable him to get around on foot (an hour's walk), and his limited income prevented him from being able to order food online. Disabled seller was justifiably worried that his life was about to end. Disabled seller disclosed this information to agent and his legal team,

offering to exchange a payment plan for free (slave) labor, which was declined. Disabled seller even informed agent and legal team that they were not following proper NAR/LLR protocol, and this information was dismissed. Plans for mediation, initiated by disabled seller, eventually failed. As a trained and licensed real estate agent, agent should have initiated mediation first and this mediation should have been conducted formally through NAR/LLR. Agent's failure to both initiate mediation himself and failure to conduct mediation through the proper channels leaves disabled seller without blame in this regard. Due to disabled seller's extreme hardship caused directly by agent's illegal actions, disabled seller shifted focus from documentation to obtaining food, obtaining closer living arrangements to food, and saving up or borrowing to get back into a car. Due to disabled seller's no longer owning a car, disabled seller was unable to move back into his home in Travelers Rest, which was what he was wanting to do at this point but was prevented from doing. (See Exhibit AP, AQ)

On a mission trip to NYC in July 2025, disabled seller realized his condition was worse than he imagined and tried applying for another car loan. He had applied for several already, all of which were declined. He also spend a great deal of time trying to fund raise to get back into a car, for which he only received \$200 in donations. Disabled seller was finally approved for a car loan, at which point he started making plans to move back to his home in Travelers Rest. While also searching his name only in order to make sure his public image online was amicable for finding work back in industry, disabled seller discovered that agent and his legal team had officially filed for a civil suit against him. This caused yet another disability panic, leading him to expedite the process of moving back home where he now resides. (See Exhibit AR)

Disabled seller was later officially diagnosed AuDHD (combined autism and ADHD) on 21 Oct 2025 by Comprehensive Psychological Services, LLC, confirming seller was in fact a vulnerable disabled person. Full paperwork for confirmed diagnosis received 15 Dec 2025. (See Exhibits 0, 1, 2, 3)

Agent and his legal team continue to perform illegal extortion in order to close this case and receive a sum of \$17K along with an illegal public retraction from disabled seller. Disabled seller is under the impression that agent and his legal team may be concerned mostly at this point that agent is at risk of losing his real estate license both statewide and federally, for which disabled seller believes this would be a warranted and just action that SC LLR and NAR should necessarily perform in order to have proper justice served for this slew of unfortunate and illegal events on the part of agent and his legal team. Disabled seller also is under the impression that agent also did not act in the best fiduciary interest of buyer, and buyer should also have the right to sue agent in criminal court and send agent and possibly even agent's legal team to prison. (See Exhibit AS)

2. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 11-1. Duty to Prepare Opinions of Real Property Value.

When an opinion of value or price is prepared other than in pursuit of a listing or to assist a potential purchaser in formulating a purchase offer, the opinion shall include the following unless the party requesting the opinion requires a specific type of report or different data set:

- 1) identification of the subject property
- 2) date prepared
- 3) defined value or price
- 4) limiting conditions, including statements of purpose(s) and intended user(s)
- 5) any present or contemplated interest, including the possibility of representing the seller/landlord or buyers/tenants
- 6) basis for the opinion, including applicable market data
- 7) if the opinion is not an appraisal, a statement to that effect
- 8) disclosure of whether and when a physical inspection of the property's exterior was conducted

- 9) disclosure of whether and when a physical inspection of the property's interior was conducted
- 10) disclosure of whether the Realtor® has any conflicts of interest

Background

Agent never provided disabled seller with any justification as to the valuations of both disabled seller's own residence he was trying to sell nor a separate residence that was brought into the conversation by agent.

Evidence

Agent outlined a transaction involving disabled seller's home valued at \$290K and personal automobile valued at \$20K, citing a separate property purportedly valued at \$275K via text message on 2 Mar 2025. (See Exhibit G)

Disabled seller never received any justification at all via text or email justifying these valuations. You can see no emails were received by disabled seller with this information on 2 Mar 2025 confirming the valuations and their justifications. (See Exhibit Q)

3. NAR Standard of Practice 1-3. Deliberate Misleading of Market Value.

Realtors®, in attempting to secure a listing, shall not deliberately mislead the owner as to market value.

Background

Disabled seller was mislead as to the market value of his home by agent, possibly with the intent to force a panic sale.

Evidence

The text message from 2 Mar 2025 sent by agent to disabled seller gave market values for two properties. No justification by agent was provided. Agent may have used this to mislead in order to force a panic sale. (See Exhibits G, Q)

4. NAR Code of Ethics Article 2. Misrepresentation and Exaggeration.

Realtors® shall avoid exaggeration, misrepresentation, or concealment of pertinent facts relating to the property or the transaction.

Background

Not only did agent likely mislead disabled seller in order to force a panic sale. Agent also exercised exaggeration, misrepresentation and concealment of pertinent facts.

Evidence

Agent exaggerated the conditions of the sale by choosing not to offer alternative options that were more favorable to disabled seller's fiduciary needs. (See Exhibits E, G, I, J, K, L, M)

Agent misrepresented himself to be a Christian and his buyer as a "seasoned business guy" in order to earn unwarranted trust in disabled seller so agent could force a panic sale. (See Exhibits D)

Agent misrepresented the true nature of the transaction, which was likely to force a panic sale. (See Exhibits B-P)

Agent misrepresented the true nature of dual agency, which lead to him likely trying to force a panic sale. (See Exhibit J)

Agent concealed pertinent facts regarding the need for buyer to agree to new terms. (See Exhibit N)

Agent misrepresented himself by giving disabled seller ~~confirmation that cash to close was an acceptable~~ alternative to offering his car at closing. Disabled seller later discovered as communicated by agent that this was "not the intent of that message" after having performed his right to exercise this option in good faith. (See Exhibits M, N)

Agent concealed pertinent facts by failing to disclose that buyer had enough funds to close on disabled seller's house without the car. (See Exhibits O, R)

Agent misrepresented the actual market value of the car that agent consistently offered as the only option to close the transaction, despite disabled seller's multiple legitimate attempts to have the deal changed. Disabled seller only later found out that Carvana would purchase his car separately for almost \$2K more than buyer was asking. (See Exhibits G, I, J, K, L, M)

Agent also misrepresented the nature of the transaction's legally acceptable and agreed upon rejection of the transaction by both parties, and then encouraged buyer to re-enter the deal with a new negotiated price that was not agreed to by disabled seller. (See Exhibits S, T, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, AB, AC, AD, AE)

Agent also misrepresented the actual need to seek mediation or arbitration before resorting to litigation. (See Exhibits P, U, Z)

Agent also misrepresented the truth by falsely claiming that disabled seller signed the Dual Agency Agreement that was sent to him. Records show that agent continued to send this document to disabled seller multiple times up into the week of closing, and disabled seller still has not signed this document as he refused to sign it. (See Exhibit Q, AJ, AK)

Agent and legal team engaged in extortion by sending demand letters to disabled seller which included false statements on the matter along with spiritual abuse from lawyer. (See Exhibits AI, AL, AS)

5. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 1-12. Dual Agency Disclosure.

When entering into listing contracts, Realtors® must advise sellers/landlords of:

- 1) the Realtor®'s company policies regarding cooperation and the amount(s) of any compensation that will be offered to subagents, buyer/tenant agents, and/or brokers acting in legally recognized non-agency capacities;
- 2) the fact that buyer/tenant agents or brokers, even if compensated by listing brokers, or by sellers/landlords may represent the interests of buyers/tenants; and
- 3) ~~any potential for listing brokers to act as disclosed dual agents, e.g., buyer/tenant agents.~~

Background

Disabled seller showed signs of disability from the start, the condition of which is confirmed by diagnostic paperwork. Agent should have been trained to identify this and provide proper accommodations.

Evidence

Disabled seller confirmed diagnosed AuDHD, October 2025. (See Exhibits 0, 1, 2, 3)

Disabled seller **divulges personal details** that **agent should not have had access to**, prompted by agent, showing **clear signs of autism**. (See Exhibits B, C, D, E, F, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P)

Agent sends Dual Agency Agreement to disabled seller, **even up to week of closing, still unsigned**, with **closing documents already signed** and **buyers at the closing table**, suggesting **disabled seller was not properly made aware of the ramifications of dual agency**. (See Exhibits A.A, A.C, A.D, A.J, A.K).

6. NAR Code of Ethics Article 9. Signed and Initialed Agreements.

Realtors®, for the protection of all parties, **shall assure** whenever possible **that all agreements related to real estate transactions** including, but not limited to, listing and representation agreements, purchase contracts, and leases **are in writing in clear and understandable language** expressing the specific terms, conditions, obligations and commitments of the parties. **A copy of each agreement shall be furnished to each party to such agreements upon their signing or initialing.**

Background

Dual Agency Agreement **remains unsigned** by disabled seller.

Evidence

Agent sends Dual Agency Agreement to disabled seller, **even up to week of closing** with **closing documents already signed** and **buyers at the closing table**. Dual Agency Agreement **remains unsigned** by disabled seller. (See Exhibits A.A, A.C, A.D, A.J, A.K).

7. NAR Code of Ethics Article 17. Failure to Mediate/Arbitrate.

In the event of contractual disputes or specific non-contractual disputes as defined in Standard of Practice 17-4 between Realtors® (principals) associated with different firms, arising out of their relationship as Realtors®, the **Realtors® shall mediate the dispute if the Board requires its members to mediate. If the dispute is not resolved through mediation, or if mediation is not required, Realtors® shall submit the dispute to arbitration** in accordance with the policies of the Board rather than litigate the matter.

In the event **clients of Realtors® wish to mediate or arbitrate contractual disputes arising out of real estate transactions, Realtors® shall mediate or arbitrate those disputes in accordance with the policies of the Board**, provided the clients agree to be bound by any resulting agreement or award.

Background

Agent **does not offer** mediation or arbitration **prior** to initiating litigation. Disabled seller **discovers this** and even **offers mediation himself**, disabled seller is **not legally obligated** to discover this information and offer it as an option as the seller in this matter. **Agent is the responsible party for this.**

Evidence

Agent encourages disabled seller and buyer to **seek litigation**. (See Exhibits U, Z)

Disabled seller **later makes a failed attempt at mediation**. Disabled seller is not legally obligated to initiate this. **Agent is responsible for offering this option first. Agent never offers mediation to disabled seller.** (See Exhibit A.Q)

8. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 17-1. *Refusal to Arbitrate.*

The filing of litigation and refusal to withdraw from it by Realtors® in an arbitrable matter constitutes a refusal to arbitrate.

Background

Agent **does not offer** mediation or arbitration **prior** to initiating litigation. Disabled seller **discovers this** and even **offers mediation himself**, disabled seller is **not legally obligated** to discover this information and offer it as an option as the seller in this matter. **Agent is the responsible party for this.**

Evidence

Agent encourages disabled seller and buyer to **seek litigation**. (See Exhibits U, Z)

Disabled seller **later makes a failed attempt at mediation**. Disabled seller is not legally obligated to initiate this. **Agent is responsible for offering this option first. Agent never offers mediation to disabled seller.** (See Exhibit AQ)

Disabled seller is **never offered** an option to **avoid litigation** that **does not also include** a demand for **monetary value** in exchange for an **illegal action** to be taken by disabled seller. (See Exhibits AI, AL, AM, AP, AS)

9. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 17-2. *Duty to Arbitrate.*

The fact that all parties decline to participate in mediation does not relieve Realtors® of the duty to arbitrate.

Background

Agent **does not offer** mediation **at all** to disabled seller. Disabled seller **does attempt to mediate**, but this **does not relieve agent's responsibility to pursue arbitration regardless.**

Evidence

Disabled seller **does make a failed attempt at mediation**. Disabled seller is **not legally obligated** to initiate this. **Agent is responsible for offering this option first. Agent never offers mediation to disabled seller. Agent never offers arbitration.** (See Exhibit AQ)

10. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 1-5. *Informed Consent.*

Realtors® may represent the seller/landlord and buyer/tenant in the same transaction only after full disclosure to and with informed consent of both parties.

Background

Disabled seller is **confirmed AuDHD** (combined autism and ADHD). Agent **should have known this** at time of initial engagement, due to **observable symptomology**. Agent pressures disabled seller into a failed **possible panic sale**. Disabled seller is **not properly informed by agent before proceeding with sale.**

Evidence

Disabled seller **confirmed diagnosed AuDHD**, October 2025. (See Exhibits 0, 1, 2, 3)

Disabled seller **divulges personal details that agent should not have had access to, prompted by agent, showing clear signs of autism.** (See Exhibits B, C, D, E, F, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P)

Disabled seller shows **clear signs of not being properly informed** on the mechanics of sale, **after a series of documents have already been signed** by disabled seller. (See Exhibits G, I, J)

11. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 9-2. Reasonable Efforts to Explain.

When assisting or enabling a client or customer in establishing a contractual relationship (e.g., listing and representation agreements, purchase agreements, leases, etc.) electronically, **Realtors® shall make reasonable efforts to explain the nature and disclose the specific terms of the contractual relationship being established prior to it being agreed to by a contracting party.**

Background

Disabled seller is **confirmed AuDHD** (combined autism and ADHD). Agent **should have known this** at time of initial engagement, due to **observable symptomology**. Agent pressures disabled seller into a failed **possible panic sale**. Disabled seller is **not properly informed by agent before proceeding with sale.**

Evidence

Disabled seller **confirmed diagnosed AuDHD**, October 2025. (See Exhibits 0, 1, 2, 3)

Disabled seller **divulges personal details that agent should not have had access to, prompted by agent, showing clear signs of autism.** (See Exhibits B, C, D, E, F, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P)

Disabled seller shows **clear signs of not being properly informed** on the mechanics of sale, **after a series of documents have already been signed** by disabled seller. (See Exhibits G, I, J)

12. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 1-6. Objectivity.

Realtors® shall **submit offers and counter-offers objectively** and as quickly as possible.

Background

Disabled seller **makes multiple attempts at renegotiating the sale while being pressured by agent to conform to the original offer that agent offered to disabled seller.** Agent cannot claim that this transaction was performed **objectively.**

Evidence

Agent offers disabled seller an **initial deal** for sale of house. (See Exhibit B, C, D, E, F, G)

Agent uses **possible manipulation**, possibly in order to **coerce disabled seller into agent's preferred option.** (See Exhibit B, C, D, E)

Disabled seller makes **multiple failed attempts** at renegotiating the transaction. (See Exhibits I, J, K, L, M)

Agent responds with **emotional intensity in protest** after disabled seller takes **alternative cash option in earnest.** (See Exhibits M, N)

13. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 1-9. Confidential Information used to Client Disadvantage.

Realtors® shall not knowingly, during or following the termination of professional relationships with their clients:

- 1) reveal confidential information of clients; or
- 2) ~~use confidential information of clients to the disadvantage of clients~~

Background

Disabled seller is **confirmed AuDHD** (combined autism and ADHD). Agent **should have known this** at time of initial engagement, due to **observable symptomology**. Also hardship is described to agent **early on** by disabled seller involving **religious convictions**. This information is later used **against disabled seller** by agent and legal team, **possibly in order to force a panic sale**.

Evidence

Disabled seller **confirmed diagnosed AuDHD**, October 2025. (See Exhibits 0, 1, 2, 3)

Disabled seller **divulges personal details** that **agent should not have had access to**, prompted by agent, showing **clear signs of autism**. (See Exhibits B, C, D, E, F, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P)

Religious conviction can be found **throughout much of the correspondence** coming from **disabled seller**. (See Exhibits E, H, I, L, M, AN, AP, AQ)

~~This religious conviction was used by agent's legal team against him~~, possibly in order to **extort disabled seller for \$17K in monetary value** and a **false and illegal public retraction** covered by **federal whistleblower protections**. (See Exhibits AI, AL, AP, AQ, AS)

14. NAR Code of Ethics Article 1. Fiduciary Duties.

When representing a buyer, seller, landlord, tenant, or other client as an agent, Realtors® pledge themselves to protect and promote the interests of their client.

Background

Disabled seller **makes multiple attempts at renegotiating the sale while being pressured by agent to conform to the original offer that agent offered to disabled seller**. Agent ~~cannot claim that this transaction was performed~~ in disabled seller's best interest.

Evidence

Agent offers disabled seller an **initial deal** for sale of house. (See Exhibits B, C, D, E, F, G)

Agent uses **possible manipulation**, possibly in order to **coerce disabled seller into agent's preferred option**. (See Exhibits B, C, D, E)

Disabled seller makes **multiple failed attempts at renegotiating the transaction** in order to **uphold disabled seller's personal financial needs**. Disabled seller **should not have to defend his own personal financial needs against his agent's desire for a specific transaction to be performed** by disabled seller. (See Exhibits I, J, K, L, M)

Agent responds with **emotional intensity in protest** after disabled seller takes **alternative cash option in earnest**. (See Exhibits M, N)

15. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 1-11. *Protection Against Losses.*

Realtors® who are **employed to maintain or manage a client's property shall exercise due diligence and make reasonable efforts to protect it against reasonably foreseeable contingencies and losses.**

Background

Agent **refused to release disabled seller from Exclusive Rights to Representation Agreement**, causing disabled seller to **default on his mortgage.**

Evidence

Agent **refuses to release** disabled seller from **Exclusive Rights to Representation Agreement multiple times.**
(See Exhibits AB, AF, AG, AH)

16. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 12-10. *Misleading Consumers.*

Realtors®' obligation to present a true picture in their advertising and representations to the public includes Internet content, images, and the URLs and domain names they use, and prohibits Realtors® from:

- 1) engaging in deceptive or unauthorized framing of real estate brokerage websites;
- 2) manipulating (e.g., presenting content developed by others) listing and other content in any way that produces a deceptive or misleading result;
- 3) deceptively using metatags, keywords or other devices/ methods to direct, drive, or divert Internet traffic; or
- 4) ~~presenting content developed by others without either attribution or without permission; or~~
- 5) **otherwise misleading consumers**, including use of misleading images.

Background

Agent **maintained false advertisement online** listing disabled seller's house for sale while **actively refusing to sell.**

Evidence

Agent made **multiple changes on Zillow** (fed automatically from the MLS) listing, removing and then relisting disabled seller's house **while actively refusing to sell.** (See Exhibit AT)

17. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 12-8. *Assurance of Current Information Online.*

Realtors® shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that information on their websites is current. When it becomes apparent that information on a Realtor®'s website is no longer current or accurate, Realtors® shall promptly take corrective action.

Background

Agent **maintained false advertisement online** listing disabled seller's house for sale while **actively refusing to sell.**

Evidence

Agent made **multiple changes on Zillow** (fed automatically from the MLS) listing, removing and then relisting disabled seller's house **while actively refusing to sell.** (See Exhibit AT)

18. NAR Code of Ethics Standard of Practice 1-1. *Obligation to the Code of Ethics.*

Realtors®, when acting as principals in a real estate transaction, **remain obligated by the duties imposed by the Code of Ethics.**

Evidence

The sum total of all evidence contained in this case file suggest agent failed to perform his obligated duties as a licensed real estate agent.

19. NAR Standard of Practice 1-2. *All Encompassing.*

The duties imposed by the Code of Ethics encompass all real estate-related activities and transactions whether conducted in person, electronically, or through any other means.

Evidence

Due to this case involving a real estate transaction, agent is not able to avoid the obligations that must be met in order to maintain licensure as a registered real estate agent.

Exhibits

Exhibit A: Disabled seller's first recorded interaction with agent, dated 17 Feb 2025.

On Feb 17, 2025, at 07:45, Jackson Batson <jacksonbatson@jacksonbatson.com> wrote:

Hey Adam,

I look forward to chatting at 10:30. Please give me a call at 864-420-4514 or I can call you if you'll provide your number.

Thanks,

JACKSON BATSON,
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Exhibit B: Agent introduces offering personal hardship details of disabled seller to prospective buyer, then offers to include creative options including a personal vehicle in the deal.

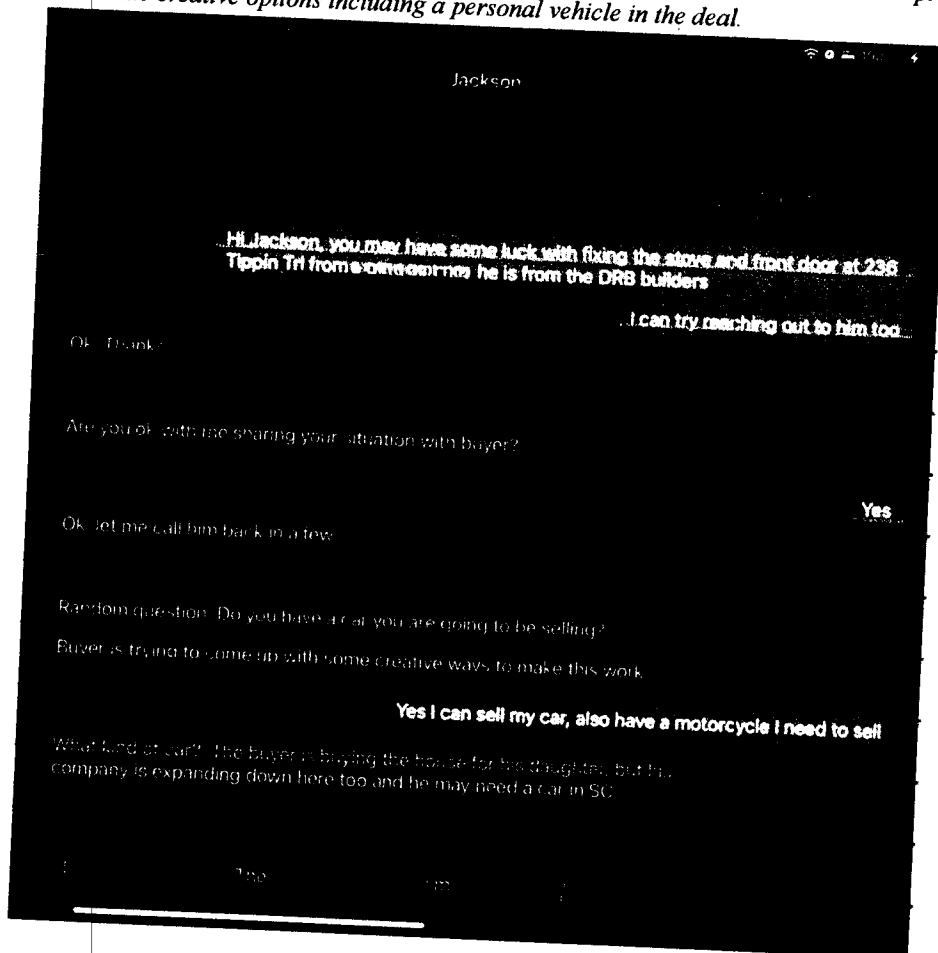


Exhibit C: Disabled seller divulging personal details to agent regarding personal non-real property, prompted by agent.

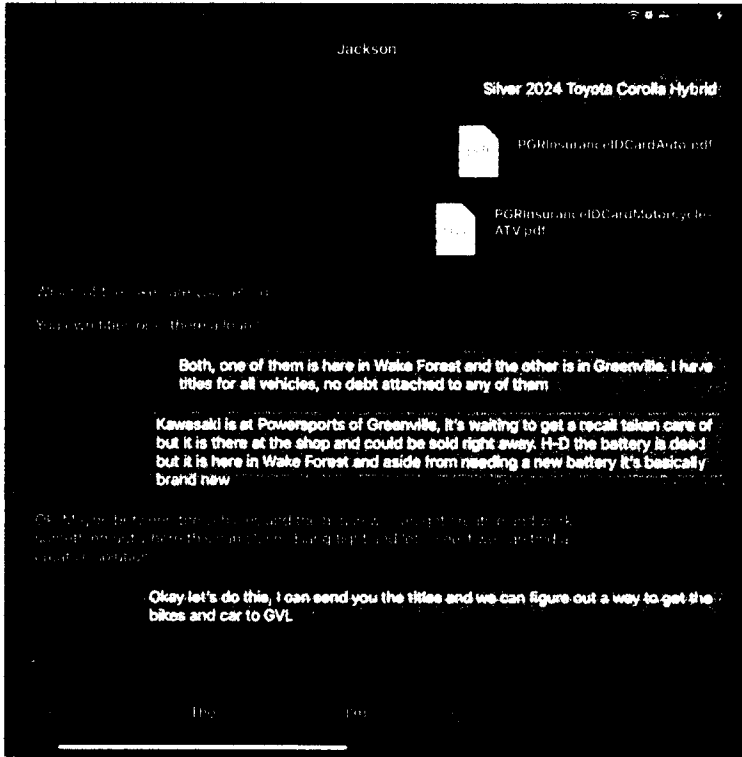


Exhibit D: *Agent actively encouraging disabled seller to exercise panic sale against disabled seller's own best interest.*

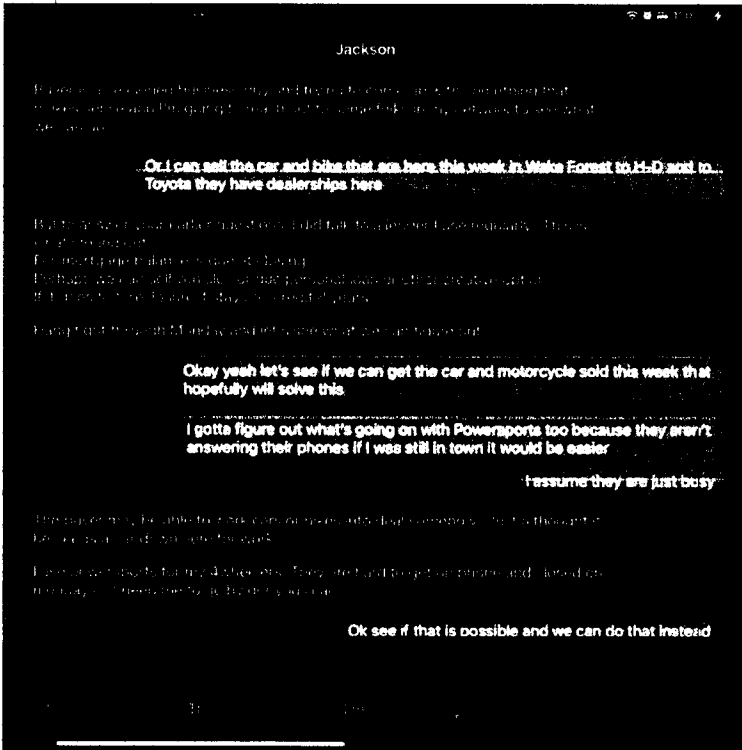


Exhibit E: Agent actively engaging in religious manipulation of vulnerable disabled seller to force a panic sale.

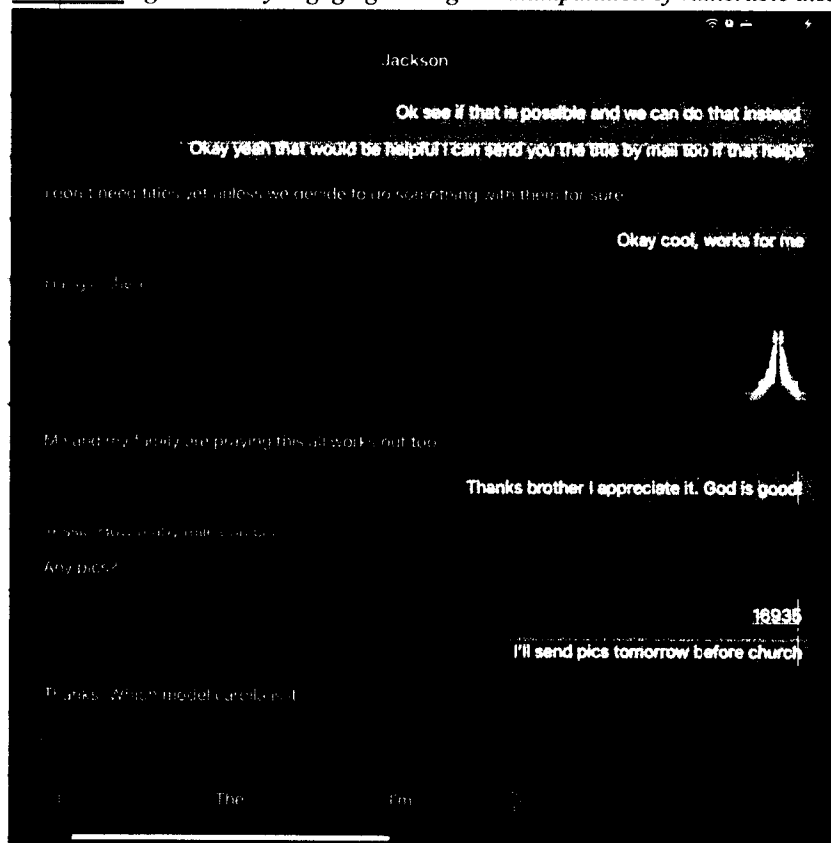


Exhibit F: Disabled seller sends picture of car to agent, unknowingly falling for a panic sale.

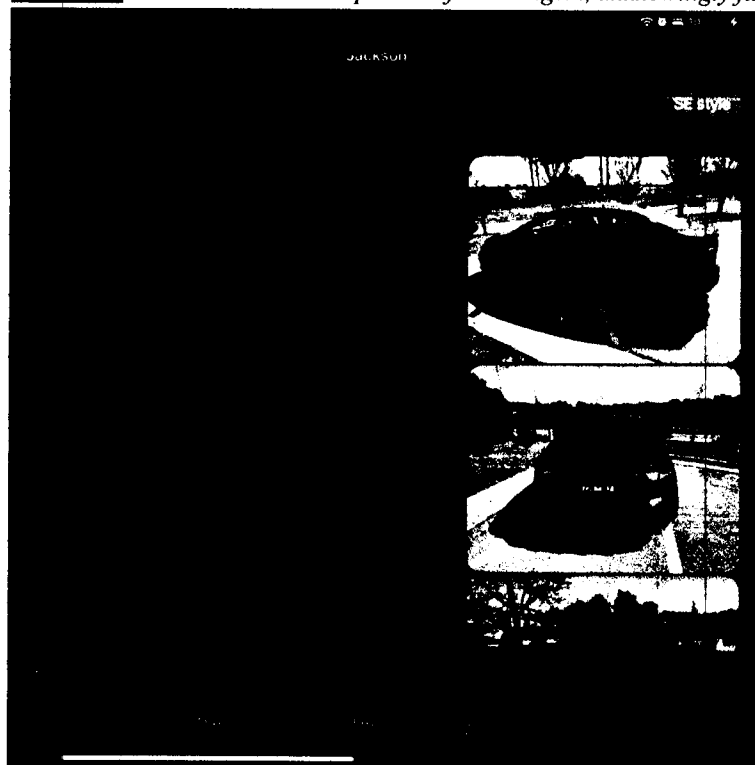


Exhibit G: Agent then provides the full outline to buyer of the panic sale that he has so far successfully created.

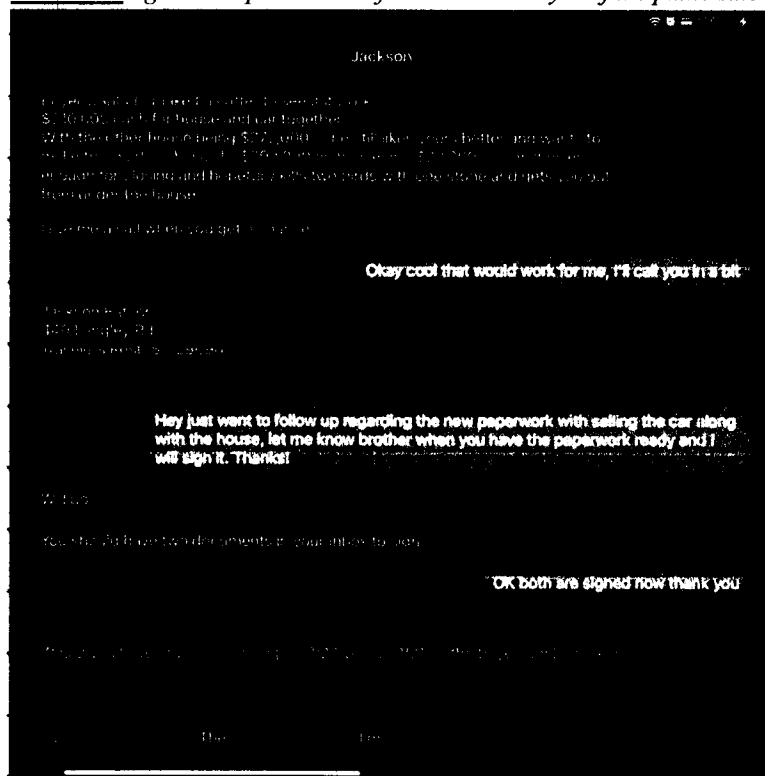


Exhibit H: Agent suggest early occupancy for buyer, disabled seller declines.

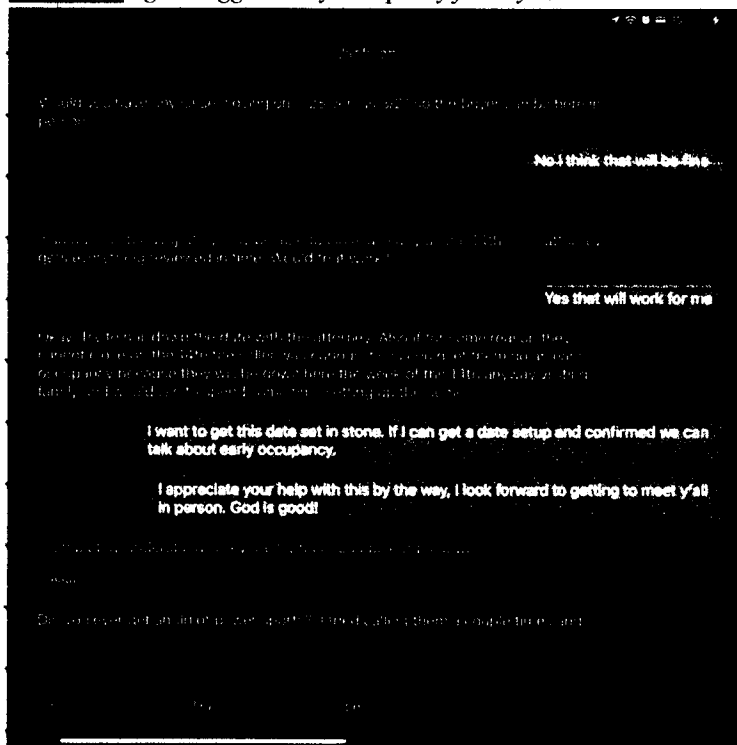


Exhibit I: Disabled seller is starting to realize he may have fallen for a scam, and is starting to find ways to back out of the deal.

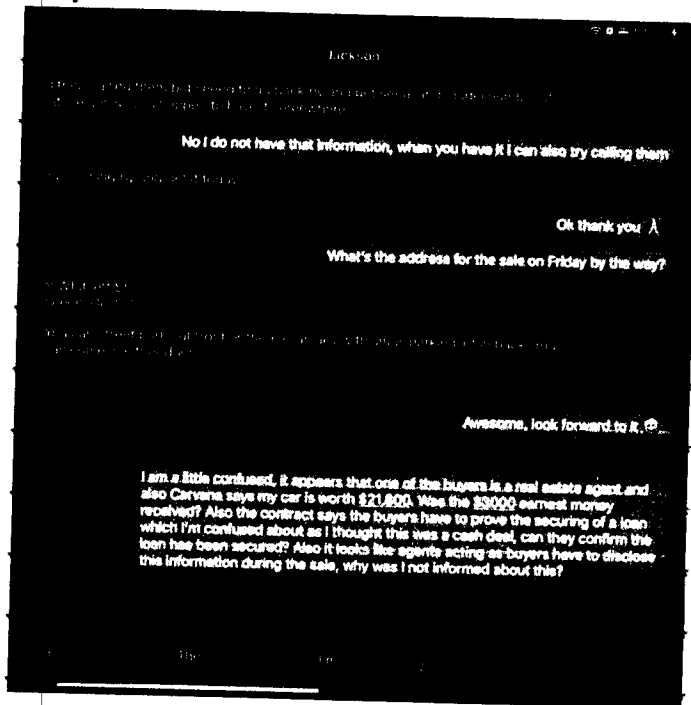


Exhibit J: Disabled seller is trying to actually determine if this truly is a scam or not, and is showing signs days away from closing of still not understanding the full nature of this transaction.

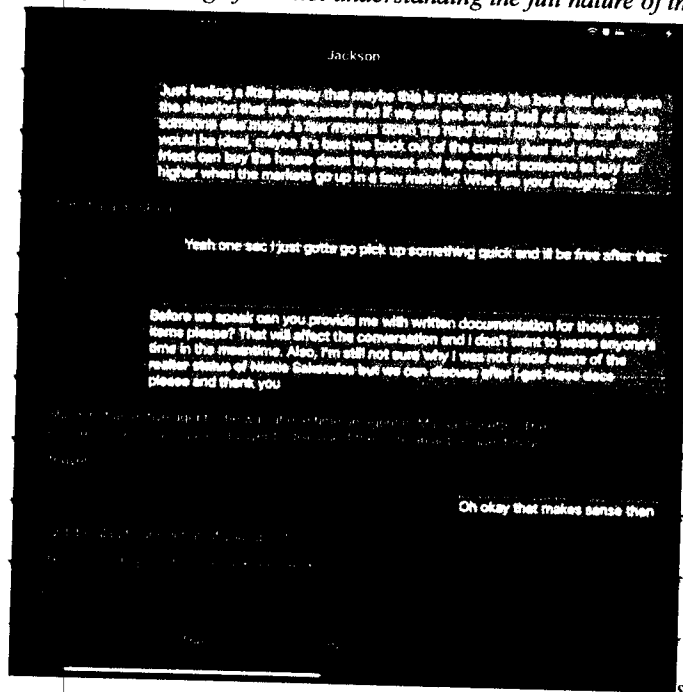


Exhibit M: Disabled seller receives cash offer from agent, confirmed by closing attorney, and requests further reasonable accommodations in order to avoid the possibility of becoming homeless if his unemployment did not turn around and he was left without a car to get to/from school and job interviews or an actual job.

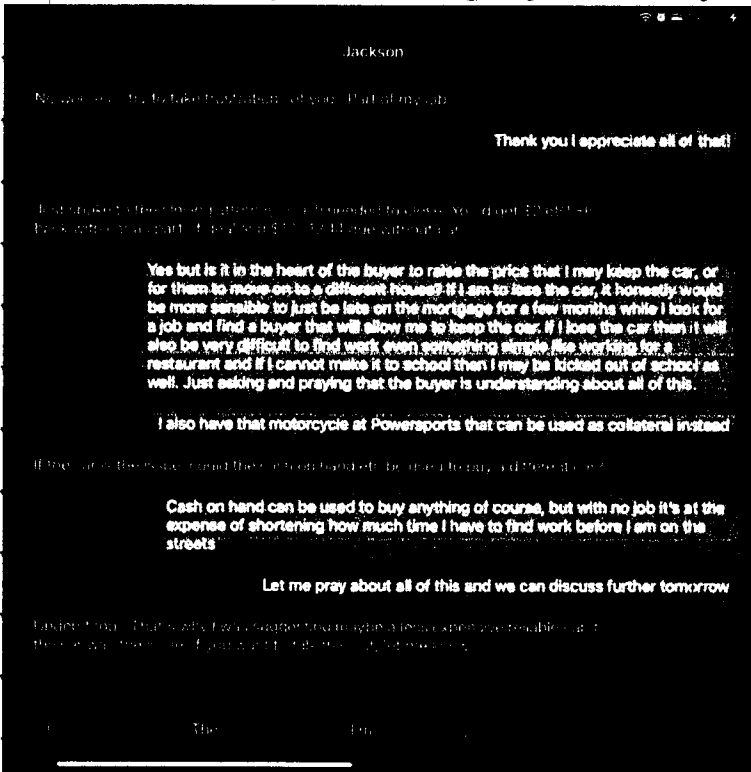


Exhibit N: Disabled seller informs agent that he exercised his approved cash option, agent responds in protest.

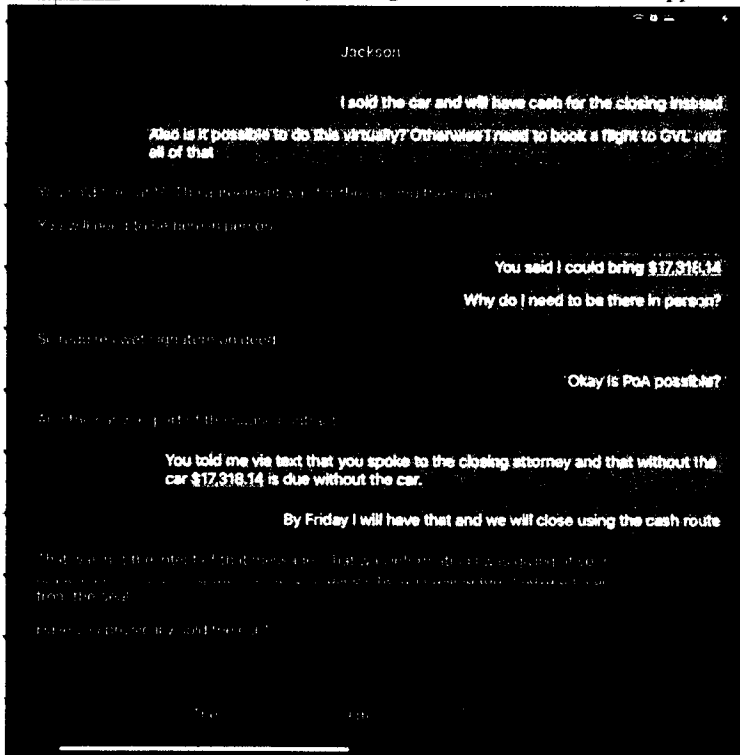


Exhibit O: Disabled seller defends his position and requests future communications are recorded moving forward.

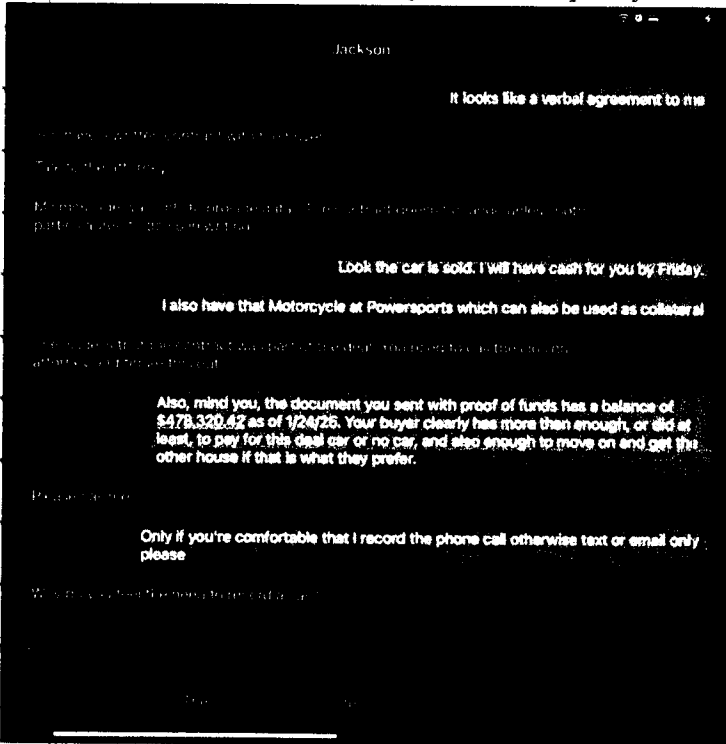
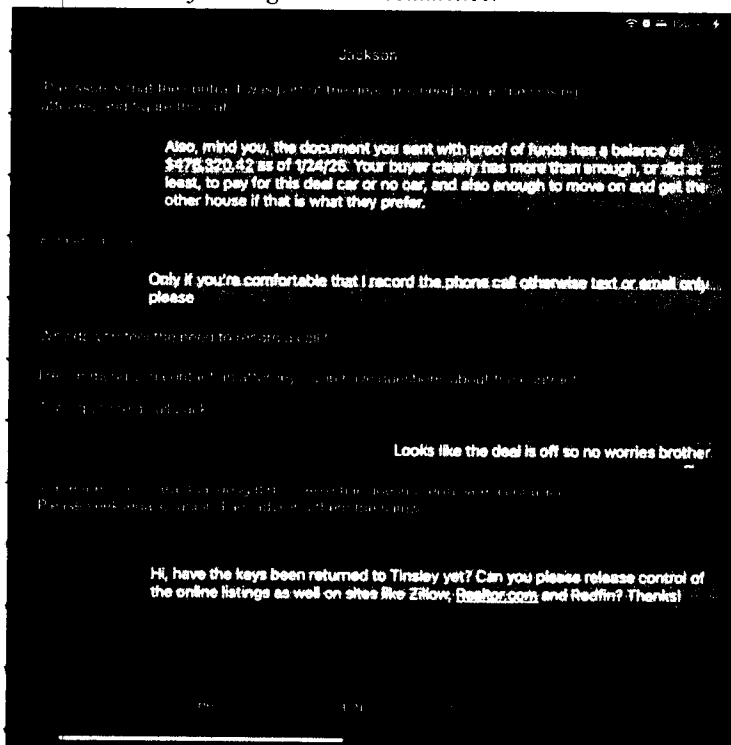


Exhibit P: Agent requests disabled seller seek legal counsel, despite knowing that mediation and arbitration must be entertained before litigation can commence.



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Exhibit R: *Proof of funds from buyer.*



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Customer Statement

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Interest Rate Summary

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Balance Summary

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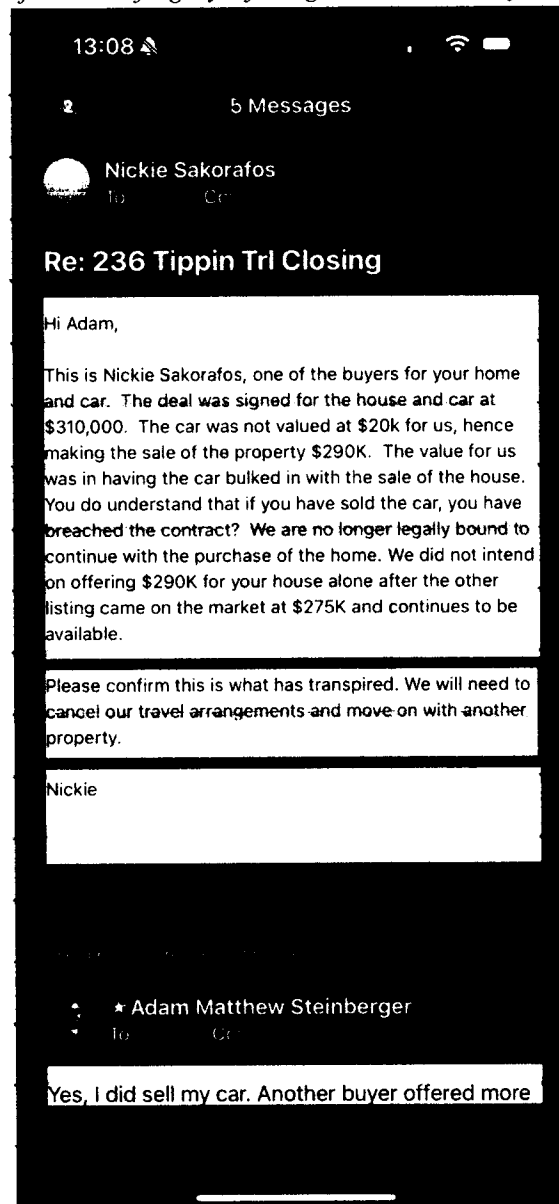


Exhibit T: Disabled seller providing confirmation of legally rejecting the transaction before closing.

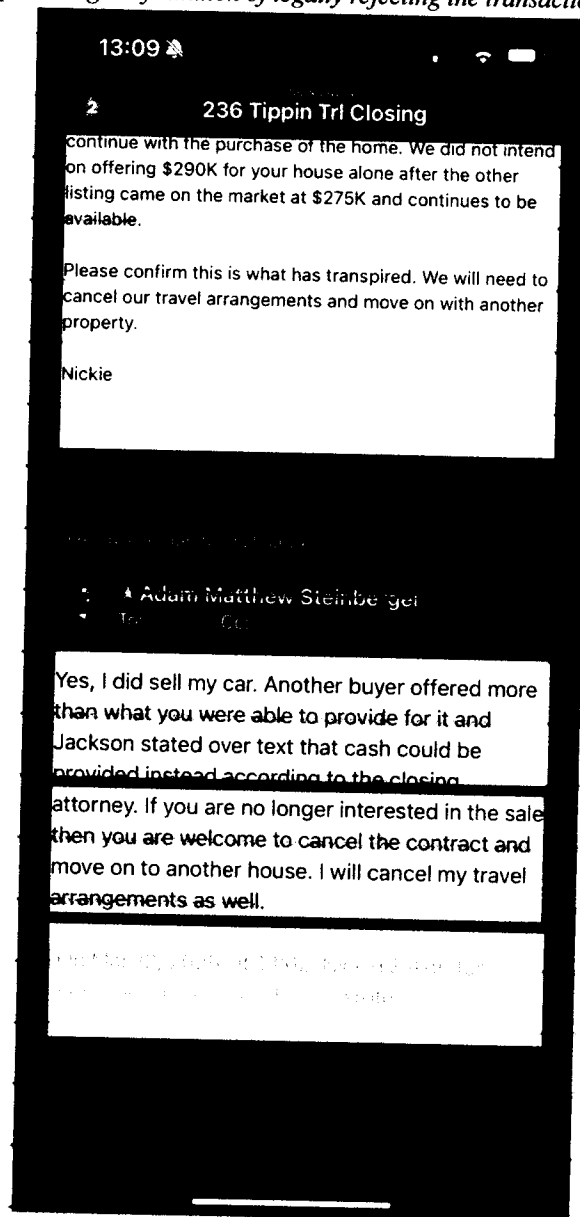


Exhibit U: Agent advising disabled seller and buyer to seek legal counsel (litigation) rather than mediation or arbitration.

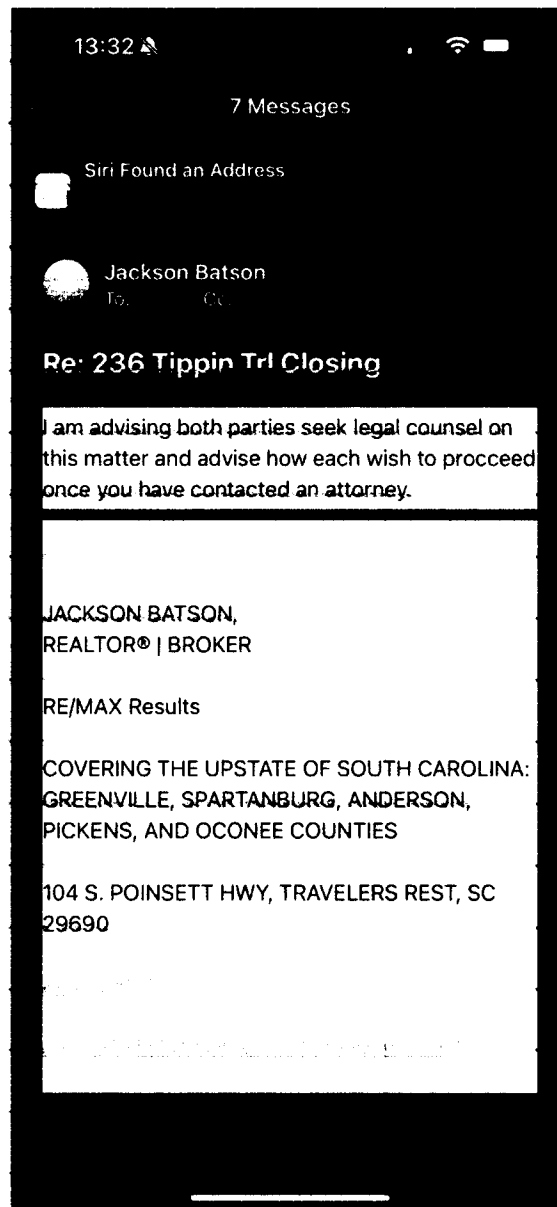


Exhibit W: Agent re-engaging buyer to go through with the transaction under new terms.

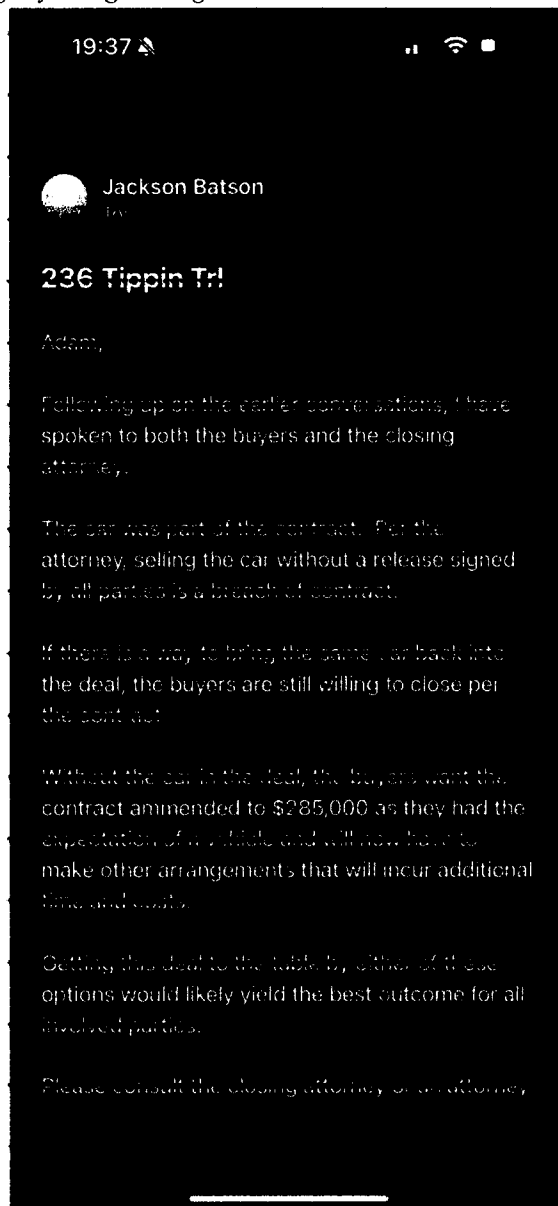


Exhibit X: Closing attorney changing terms again after terms were changed already.

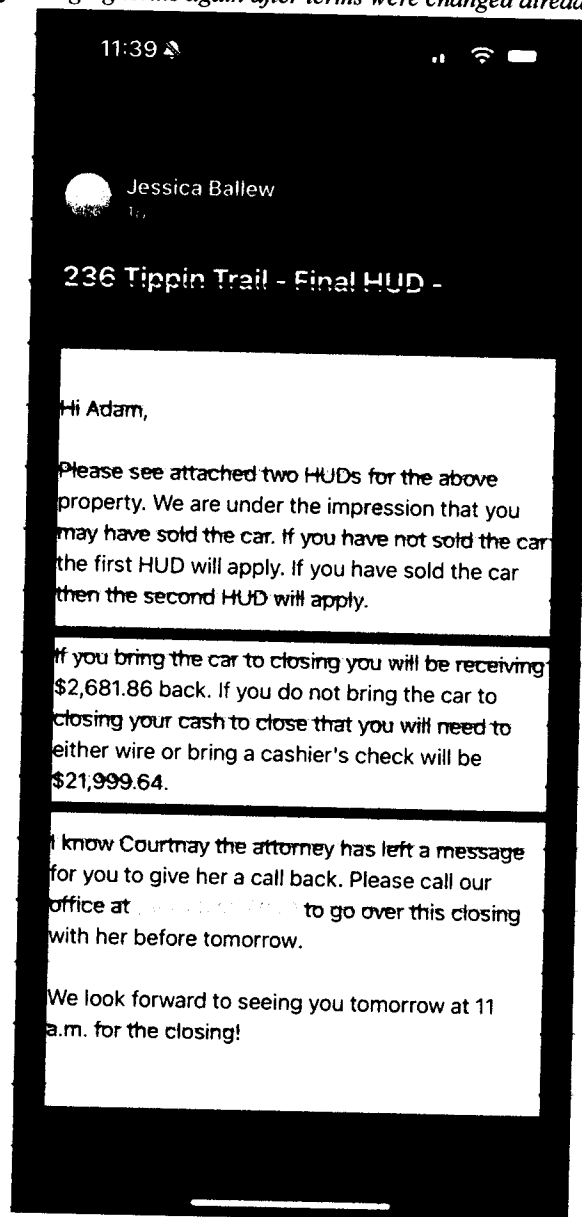


Exhibit Y: Buyer agreeing to re-enter the transaction with the newly agreed upon deal and stating they sought legal counsel.

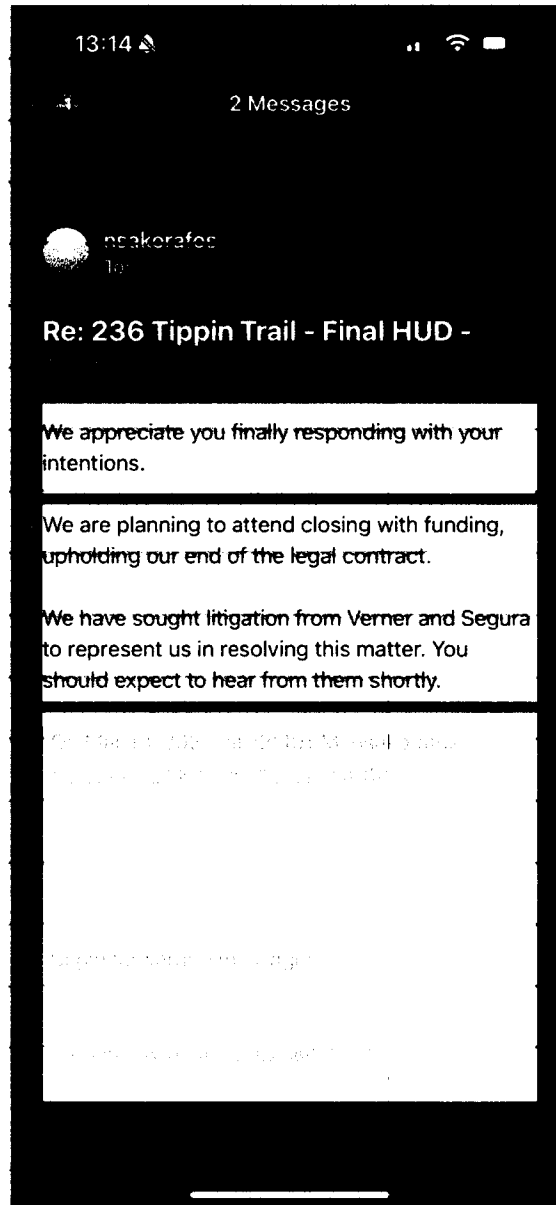


Exhibit Z: Closing attorney advising both parties (buyer, seller) to seek legal counsel, instead of offering mediation or arbitration.

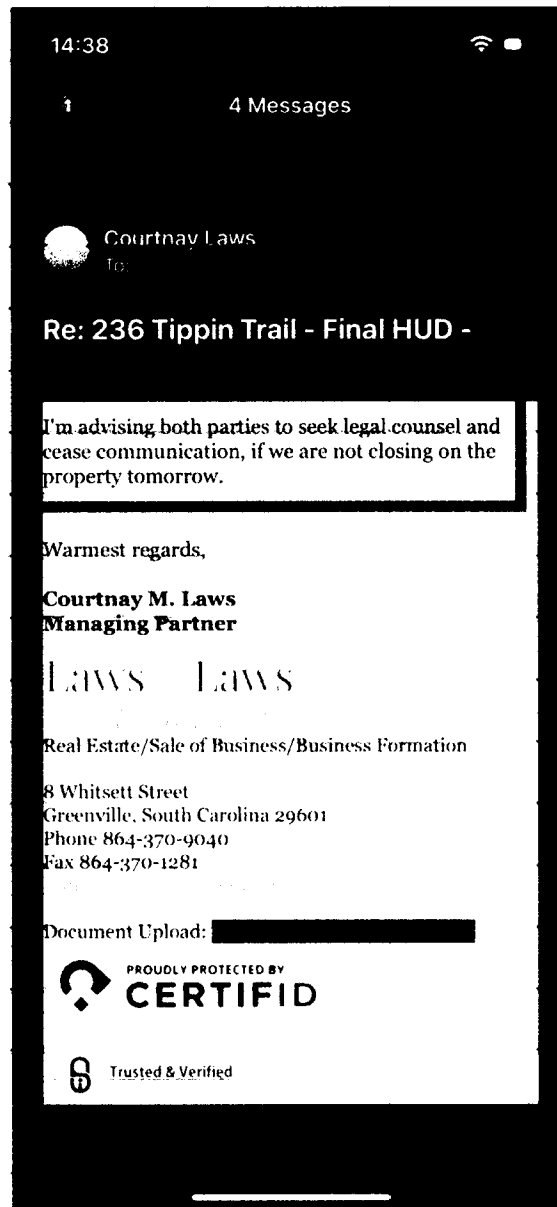


Exhibit AA: Buyer confirming they agree to the newest terms and are planning to close, disabled seller did not confirm agreement to new terms and buyer still decided to re-enter the transaction and travel by flight to the closing.

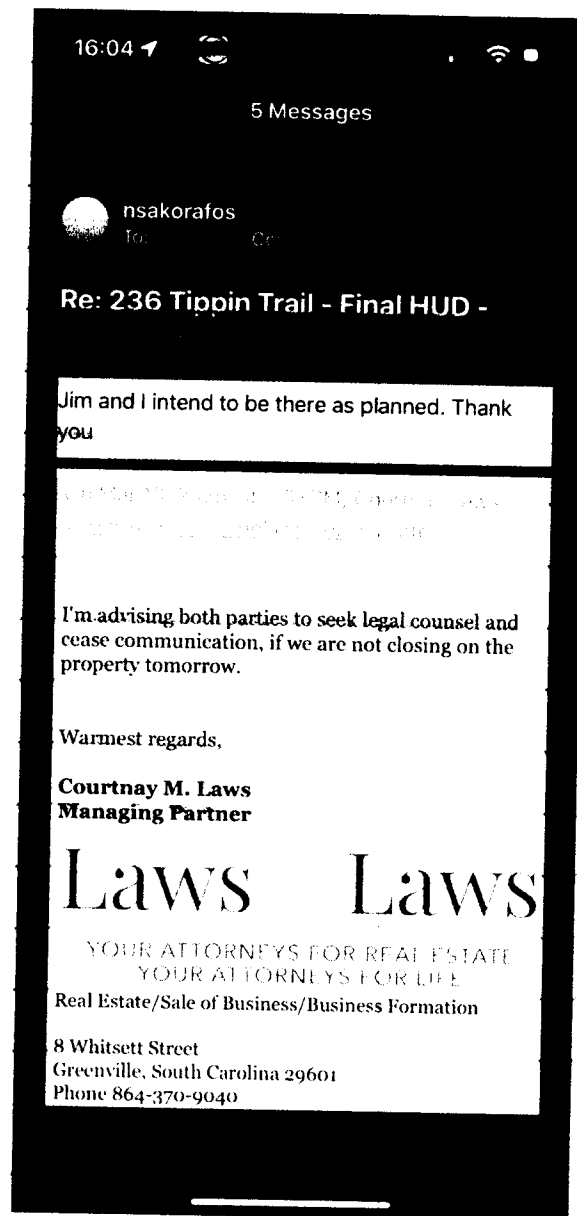


Exhibit AB: Disabled Seller sends first request to be release from representation by agent.

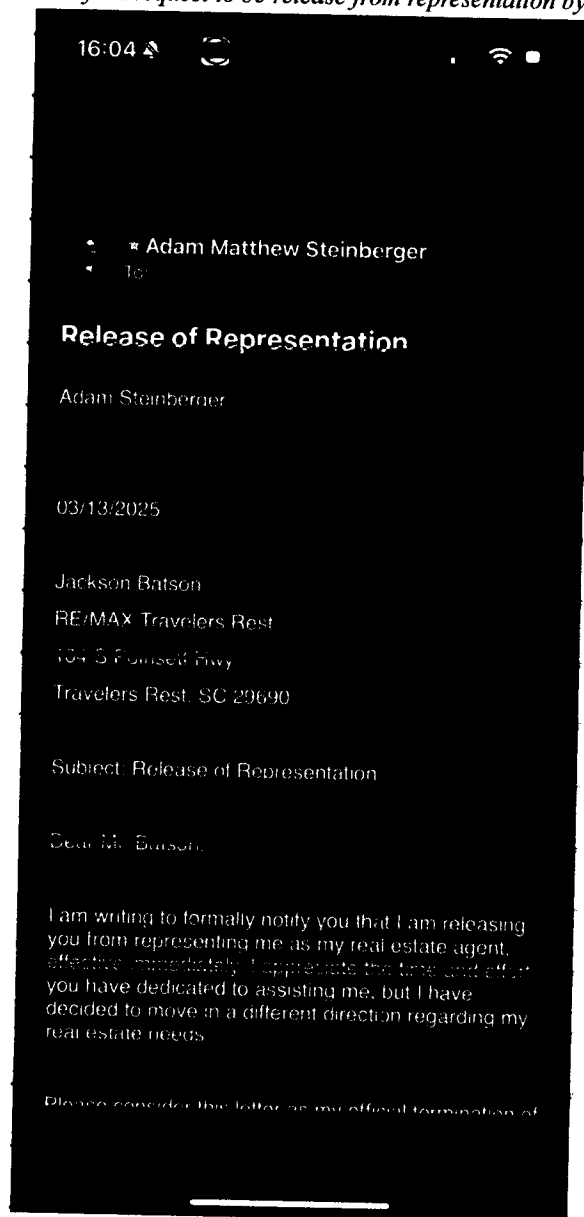


Exhibit AC: Closing attorney confirming that the new illegal transaction was going to close regardless of disabled seller's consent.

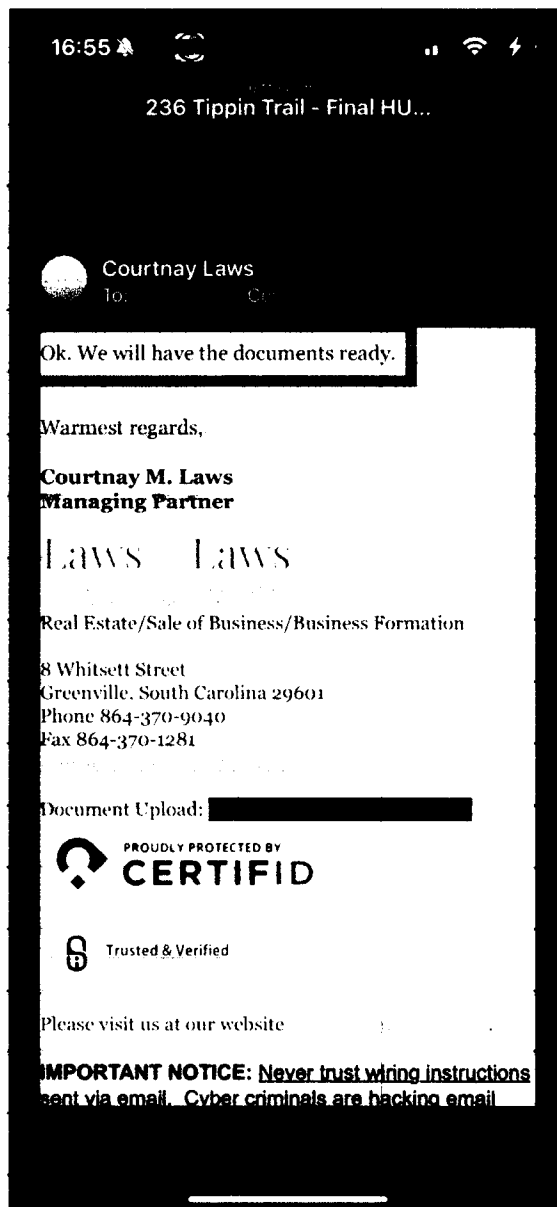


Exhibit AD: Closing attorney confirming that buyer, closing attorney and agent did in fact attend the illegal closing despite disabled seller's lack of consent to the new terms and requesting that disabled seller have the documents shipped to my Wake Forest address and signed by a notary.

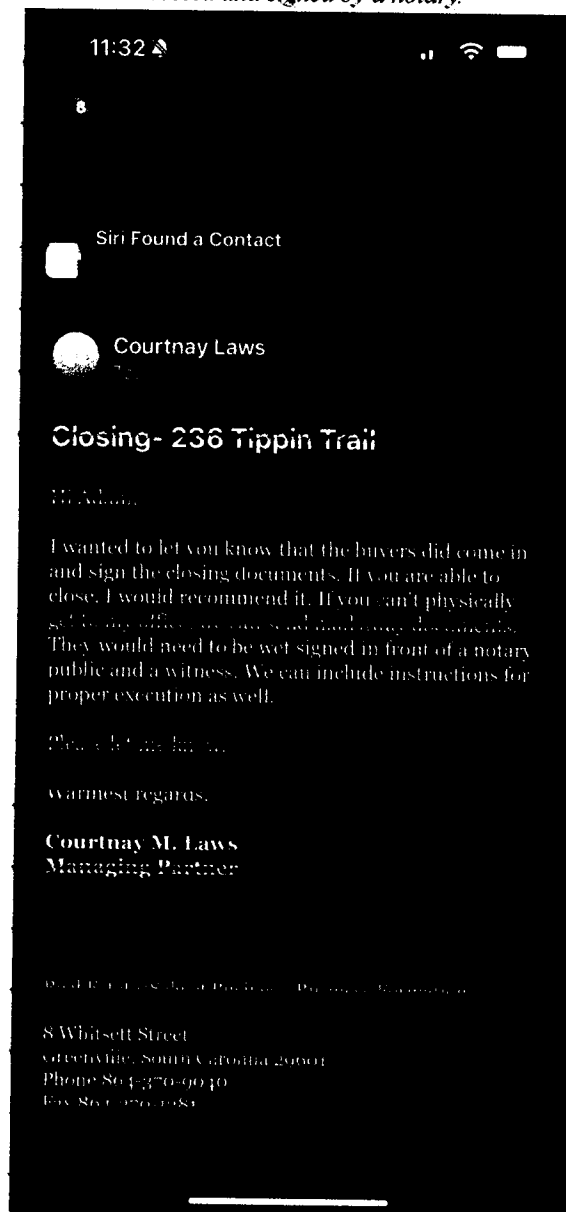


Exhibit AE: Disabled seller confirm he will not be signing the illegal closing documents, as he did not agree to the new terms.

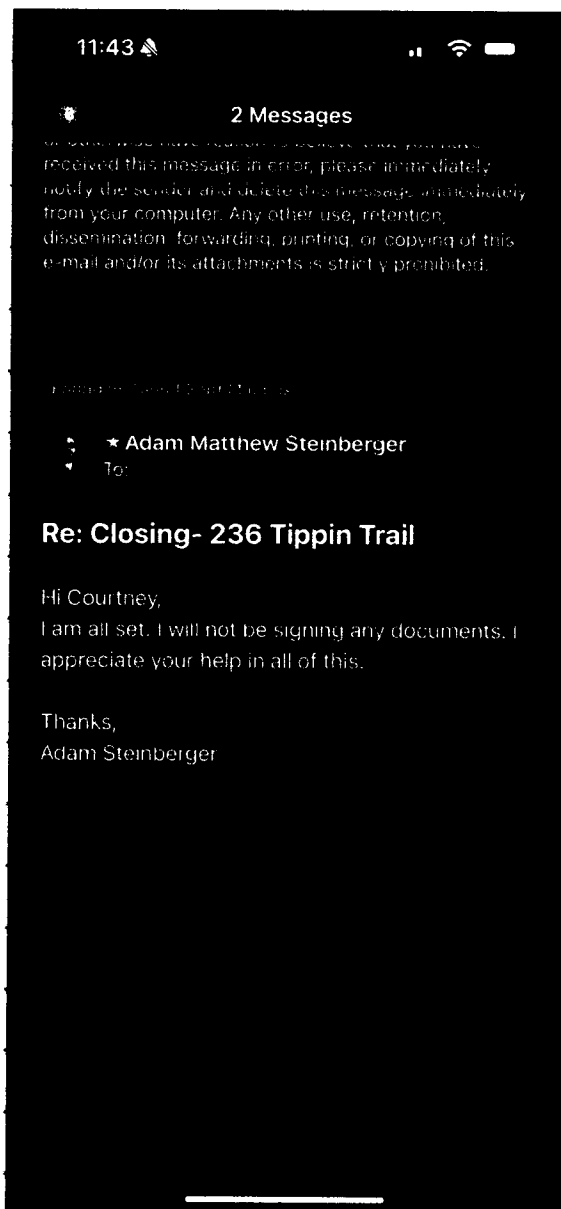


Exhibit AF: Another request from disabled seller requesting to be release from representation and his keys returned.

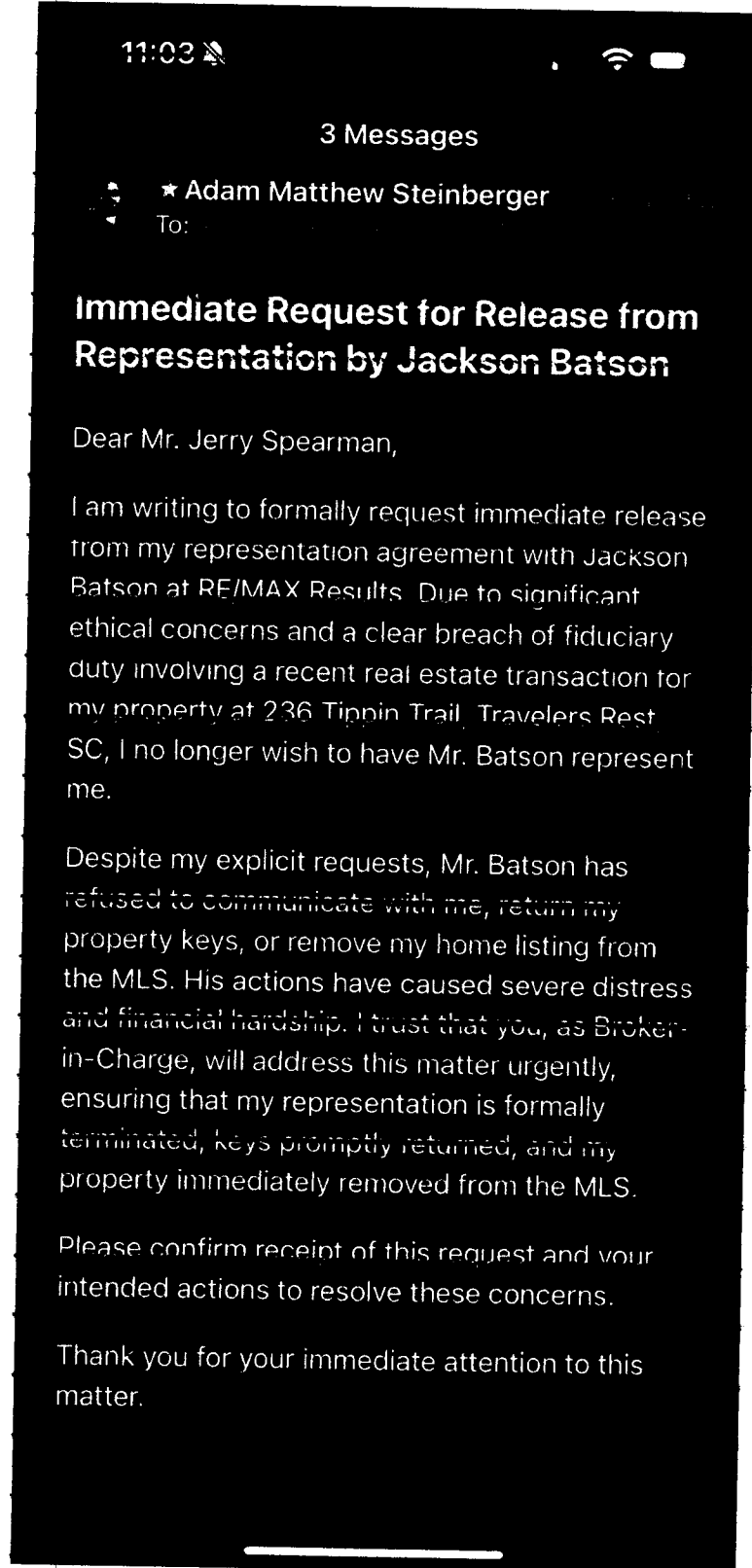


Exhibit AG: *Yet another request from disabled seller requesting to be release from representation and his keys returned.*

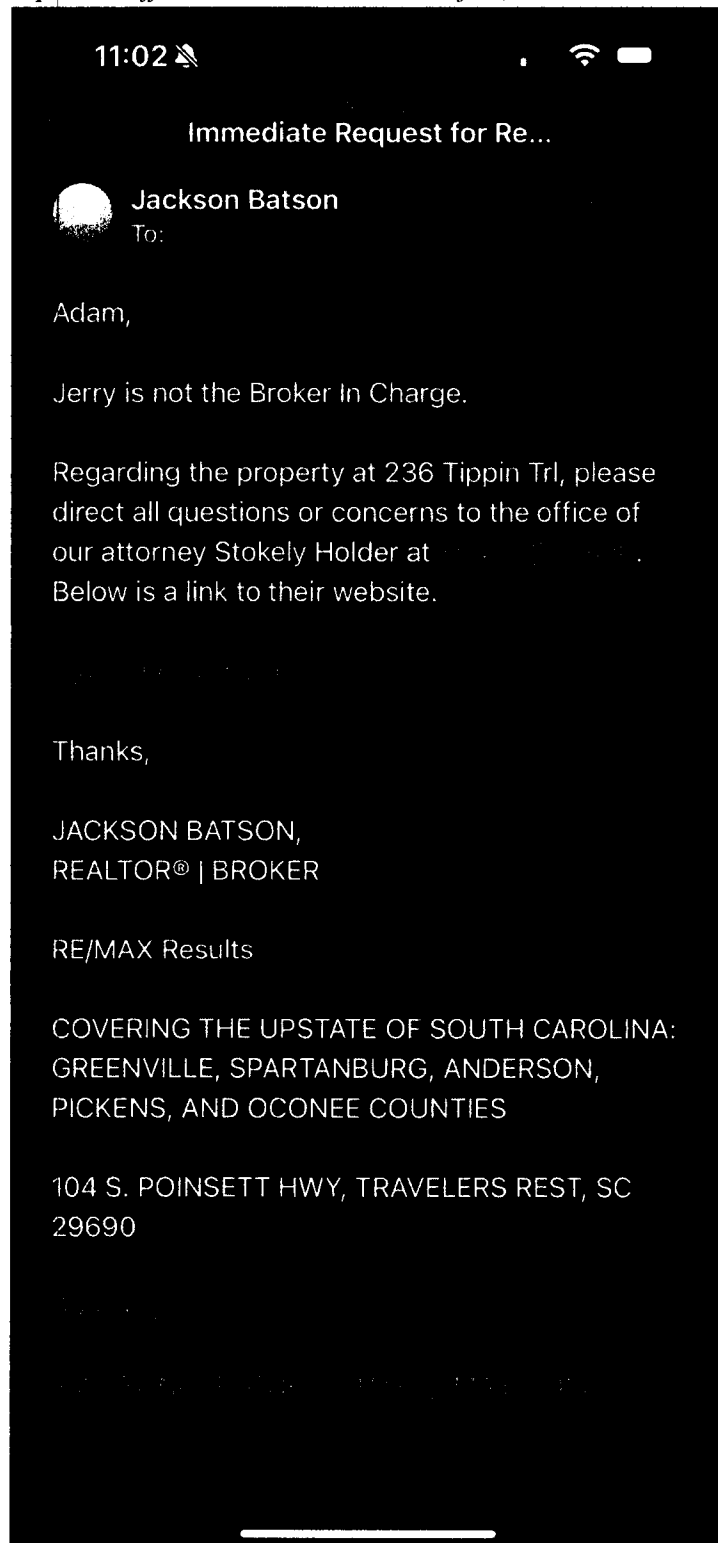
Adam Matthew Steinberger
236 Tippin Trl
Mar 28, 2025 at 14:05:22
Courtney Laws
Jackson Batson
Steven DeLisle

Hi Courtney,

I am reaching out because Jackson Batson is not answering any of my emails or texts and I am requesting an update as to the status of what is going with 236 Tippin Trl and Jackson Batson. I have requested already that I be released from representation. No response from Jackson. I have requested my keys are returned. No response from Jackson. I was told an attorney would be contacting me. Nothing has come of that either. I have asked that the listing for the property be taken down. No response from Jackson. His fiduciary duties to me are being outright ignored and now also my requests for answers and for actions to be removed from this situation so that I can actually move forward with someone else that is interested in actually helping me sell my house with my best interests in mind instead of my deliberately being taken advantage of are being ignored. I need to speak to the owner of Re/max in Travelers Rest. My demand to be released from contract with Jackson Batson is being ignored and I am requesting that this unethical behavior be stopped immediately. If this email isn't responded to with an update as to exactly what is going on and how to get in touch with Re/max to put all of this to an end I will be seeking legal counsel and request that representation not only demand that these issues be addressed but that I receive some kind of reparation for damages as my house being used in this manner and being held captive by a rogue agent is costing me valuable time and money that I do not have at my disposal. Please respond ASAP.

Thanks,
Adam Steinberger

Exhibit AH: Agent two weeks later finally responding to existing requests from disabled seller to be release from representation. Agent state keys were being willfully withheld from disabled seller, no agreement accepted for disabled seller's representation to be released and that disabled seller must seek legal counsel. Agent was required to offer mediation and arbitration first, which he did not.



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April 4, 2025

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(adam@matthewsteinberger.com)

Adam Steinberger
1151 Thornrose Way
Wake Forest, NC 27587
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RE: Breach of Contract for 236 Tippin Trail, Travelers Rest, South Carolina
29690
Our Client: RE: MAX Results

Dear Mr. Steinberger,

Please be advised that this firm represents RE: MAX Results, as listing broker, and Jackson Batson, as listing agent, for 236 Tippin Trail, Travelers Rest, South Carolina 29690 (the "Property").

On February 18, 2025, you agreed to an Exclusive Right to Sell Agreement Listing Agreement with my client, (the "Listing Agreement"). According to the terms of the Listing Agreement, my client agreed to employ his "best efforts to sell or secure a contract for the sale of the property for a price of 299,900.00 and in return [you] agreed to pay a commission of 6.0%."

Breach of Contract

According to the Listing Agreement, my client's "brokerage fee shall be earned, due and payable when an agreement to purchase, option, exchange, lease or trade is signed by [you]." Further, under the Listing Agreement, if you "refuse to sell the described property . . . or refused to complete the sale of such property under any written Agreement to Buy and Sell Real Estate to which [you have] agreed, [then] Broker's full fee shall be due and payable by [you]." Finally, under the terms of the Listing Agreement, you are responsible for reasonable attorneys' fees, as well as other associated costs, fees, and damages incurred due to your breach of this agreement. See ¶¶ 2 & 25.

As you know, my client procured, on your behalf, buyers who were willing and able to close. On February 22, 2025, you entered into an Agreement to Buy/Sell Real Estate with James Sakorafos and Nickoleta Sakorafos to sell the Property for Two Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand and No 100 Dollars (\$299,000.00) (the "Sales Agreement"). According to the terms of

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the Listing Agreement described above, at the moment of signing, you were legally obligated to pay my clients' full commission.

On March 1, 2025, despite having already agreed to a legally binding agreement to sell the Property, you contacted my client, expressing your concerns about being unable to bring sufficient cash to closing. As a result, you agreed to work your car, a 2024 Silver Toyota Corolla Hybrid (VIN JTDBCMFEDR3043999), into the agreement (the "Vehicle"). On March 2, 2025, a new agreement was reached for the sale of the Property and the Vehicle for a total price of Three Hundred and Ten Thousand and no/100 dollars (\$310,000.00). The closing date for this agreement was set to be Friday, March 14, 2025. At this point, again, my client fulfilled his contractual obligations and, as such, was entitled to payment by you.

On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, you abruptly notified my client via text message that you had sold the Vehicle, which was part of the Sales Agreement. This notice came as a complete surprise to my client, as it makes it *impossible* for you to fulfill the Sales Agreement as agreed upon. By selling the Vehicle, you violated the express terms of the Sales Agreement with the buyers and the Listing Agreement with my client.

When the time came for closing on March 14, 2025, my client and the prospective buyers, who had flown in from Boston, appeared at the closing attorney's office with the intent of closing on the Sales Agreement. Their extraordinary efforts were met with a no-show on your behalf. At this point, not only had you frustrated my client's attempts at fulfilling his contractual obligations, but you also caused substantial damages due to the wasted efforts of all parties involved. These actions only further demonstrate your unethical and illegal conduct in this transaction.

As my client fulfilled their contractual obligations by producing a willing, ready and able buyer, you owe the commission amount of 6% of the sales price of \$290,000.00, **which amounts to a total of Seventeen-Thousand and Four-Hundred and no/100th Dollars (\$17,400.00)**, in addition to legal fees and costs.

Defamation

(Cease and Desist and Immediate Retraction)

Further, our office has received your March 31, 2025, email, subject line "Formal Notice of Media Disclosures and Pending Escalation". A copy of this correspondence is enclosed for your reference and incorporated herein.



Under South Carolina law, defamatory statements that harm an individual's professional reputation are actionable *per se*. See *Fountain v. First Reliance Bank*, 398 S.C. 424, 442, 730 S.E.2d 305, 309 (2012). Where statements are actionable *per se*, the defendant "is presumed to have acted with common law malice and the plaintiff is presumed to have suffered general damages." *Id.* (quoting *Erickson v. Jones Street Publishers, LLC*, 368 S.C. 444, 465, 629 S.E.2d 653, 664 (2006)).

Your email describes multiple defamatory, disparaging, and inaccurate allegations regarding my clients' professional performance. To that end, my client **demands that you immediately cease and desist from making any further false or defamatory statements about them**. Defamatory statements include both verbal defamation (slander) and written defamation (libel).

Additionally, **you must immediately issue a written retraction of any false and defamatory information provided to the organizations described in your above email**. You must provide such written retractions to all organizations described in your correspondence **immediately upon your receipt of this letter**. Failure to make such retractions or to provide copies thereof to our office will be considered in direct violation of this demand and will be pursued to the fullest extent permissible under law.

Release of Agency

Your email falsely alleges that my client is keeping you "trapped in an agency relationship." My client is only your agent with respect to the Listing Agreement. To that end, my clients have fully fulfilled their obligations by producing a ready, willing and able buyer as previously discussed. Should you fulfill your obligations under the Listing Agreement (which you are legally required to) by paying my client the commission earned under the Listing Agreement, any agency relationship will cease to exist.

Our clients are willing to release you from the Listing Agreement when you fulfill your contractual obligations by paying the total amount owed. To that end, we have enclosed a proposed release of agency agreement to be completed upon receipt of the commission earned. Please provide the prompt payment of this obligation to our Greenville office.

Further, our Greenville office has possession of, and is holding in trust, the keys to the Property given to my client. Upon completion of the above obligations, we will make your keys available to pick up at our Greenville office.

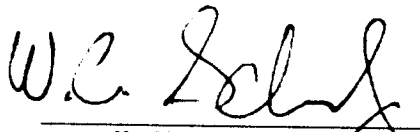


The terms of the Listing Agreement make clear that, because of your breach of the Listing Agreement, you are liable for commission, and any damages suffered by my client as a result including actual consequential damages, legal fees, etc. In the event that you fail to resolve this matter to my client's satisfaction and pay the total amount owed by the end of business on April 10, 2025, my client will be left with no other choice but to take legal action, in which case we will file an action seeking monetary damages against you together with attorneys' fees, interest, costs, and expenses.

I trust that you will give this matter the attention it deserves and take immediate steps to resolve it. I look forward to your timely response. Please direct your correspondence to me at my firm's Greenville, South Carolina office.

Sincerely,

HOLDER PADGETT LITTLEJOHN + PRICKETT, LLC


W. Christopher Schwartz, Esq.

WCS

cc: Client

Exhibit AJ: Email records indicating agent continued to send disabled seller requests from dotloop for a signature on the Dual Agency Agreement up until 12 Mar 2025, two days before illegal closing.

Jackson Batson

Dual Agency Agreement

Jackson

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Dual Agency Agreement

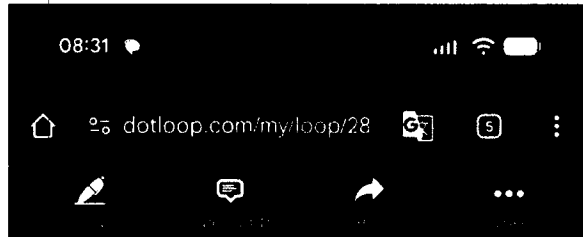
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Dual Agency Agreement

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Exhibit AK: Screenshot of the state of the Dual Agency Agreement as hosted on dotloop dated 17 Dec 2025, confirmed still to this date unsigned (sourced from Google Pixel 9a, timestamp provided by ImageMagick, red highlights added via Canva for clarity).



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DUAL AGENCY AGREEMENT

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STILL UNSIGNED AS OF 2025-12-17

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Exhibit AL: *Email sent from agent's lawyer containing spiritual abuse and false statements of deception against disabled seller, possibly used by agent's lawyer in an attempt to extort \$17K in cash from disabled seller along with a forced false public retraction in order to get out of agent's active investigations at NAR and SC LLR.*

RE: 236 Tippin Train, Travelers Rest, SC - RE/MAX Results

From Stokely Holder

To Adam Matthew Steinberger

Date Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at 08:38

Mr. Steinberger,

Please direct your correspondence to me or attorney Chris Schwartz going forward.

You need to understand that you are in clear breach of multiple contracts. Continue as you might to ignore those obvious facts by trying to damage an innocent party will only serve to underscore the improprieties of your action.

This has nothing to do with your purported vocation, nor does it have anything to do with what you so cavalierly allege to others what Mr. Batson and/or his agency has done or failed to do. It is all to do with the legal obligations you owe based on the contracts that you signed, and your actions/inactions in clearly breaching those contracts. You need to cease and desist from misrepresenting facts. Again, it is just serving to make matters worse for you.

If you are truly the 'Christian minister-in-training' that you describe, then it would seem only proper for you to inform all of these 3rd parties you have allegedly contacted of the full set of facts.

As a fellow Christian, I leave you with these Bible verses to consider:

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity." Proverbs 11:3.

"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless." James 1:26

"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body." Ephesians 4:25

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them." Proverbs 11:3

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment." Proverbs 12:19

"Righteous lips are the delight of a king, and he loves him who speaks what is right." Proverbs 16:13

"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18

"Having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another." Ephesians 4:25

"Whoever speaks the truth gives honest evidence, but a false witness utters deceit." Proverbs 12:17

"These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace." Zechariah 8:16

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16

"If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth." 1 John 1:6

"Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth." 1 Corinthians 13:6

"Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' To the contrary, 'if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Romans 12:17-21

I hope and pray that you consider an amicable resolution to these issues.

Regards,

Stokely Holder

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Exhibit AM: Disabled seller contacts an attorney to seek resolution for this, this attempt eventually fails.

[3] BBB & Other Complaints RE RE/MAX Results

From: Adam Matthew Steinberger

To: [REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to follow up on our last communication regarding the \$7,500 settlement and the agreement to remove the complaints within 30 days of signing.

Thank you again for your help.

I am sorry that I was not able to resolve this matter with you directly, but I am glad that we were able to reach a settlement.

I am sure that you will be satisfied with the outcome of this matter. I am sure that you will be satisfied with the outcome of this matter. I am sure that you will be satisfied with the outcome of this matter.

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From: Adam Matthew Steinberger

To: [REDACTED]

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Hi Mr. Pacerra

I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to follow up on our last communication regarding the \$7,500 settlement and the agreement to remove the complaints within 30 days of signing.

Please let me know if there is anything you need from me at this time to move forward. I look forward to hearing from you and finalizing the settlement.

Thank you again for your help.

Blessings

Adam Matthew Steinberger

944.317.4117

From: Christopher Schwartz <cschwartz@hplplaw.com>
Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 5:35 PM
To: Alex Paterna <alex.paterna@paterlaw.com>
Cc: Carolyn Denney <cdenney@hplplaw.com>
Subject: Butson/Steinberger Matter

You also can get email from cschwartz@hplplaw.com

Good evening Alex,

Thanks for speaking with me today. I've conveyed your settlement offer to my client. My client has decided to reject your initial offer.

In response to our discussion of Dual Agency, I have attached four documents that help demonstrate your client's knowledge of the representation. A brief explanation of the documents is helpful.

The first document attached is Dual Agency Agreement (SCAR 115) pdf. This version is signed by all parties except your client.

While not signed by your client, as shown in the attached Agency History, was presented on multiple occasions your client for his review and signature.

The third and fourth attachment reflect text messages between my client and your client on Saturday February 22, 2025, where my client informed your client of his dual representation status. One attachment shows the full conversation for that day, and the other shows the specific message where my client discloses the representation status and your client assents to it.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the documents provided.

Finally, considering my client's rejection of your settlement offer and the additional evidence provided, we would greatly appreciate if your client would consider an increased offer. A reasonable offer may limit overall legal expenses. Please let me know your thoughts.

Best,

Adam

Let me know if how much you would like to counter with. I would think we should go up to 5,000.

Alex

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From: Christopher Schwartz <cschwartz@hplplaw.com>
Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 at 1:26 PM
To: Alex Paterna <alex.paterna@paterlaw.com>
Cc: Carolyn Denney <cdenney@hplplaw.com>; Jeanne Keenan <jjeanne.keenan@paterlaw.com>
Subject: RE: Butson/Steinberger Matter

Some people who received this message do not often get email from cschwartz@hplplaw.com

Good afternoon Alex,

I've spoken with my client, and he's authorized me to make a counter offer of \$15,000.00 to resolve this dispute. This counter offer also includes the previously discussed written retraction by your client.

Please let me know if your client is amenable to this.

Thank you.

Chris

CC: Christopher Schwartz

Exhibit AN: Disabled seller's letter to the press, whistleblower activities performed as no other accessible options were presented to him (protected by federal law).

Subject: Seminary Student Forced from Job, Then Exploited by RE/MAX Agent in Alleged Anti-Christian Discrimination

Dear Journalist,

My name is **Daniel J. Cross** — a pseudonym I use to protect my identity as a Christian missionary-in-training. I'm writing to share a true story of **religious discrimination, real estate misconduct, and ongoing harm**, which I've reported to more than a dozen federal, state, and civil rights agencies.

In late 2024, I made the decision to follow a full-time call into Christian missions and theological training at a world-renowned seminary. That choice cost me more than peace of mind — it **forced me to leave my job** and made it necessary to sell my home quickly.

That's when I hired **Jackson Batson of RE/MAX Results** — hoping for help but instead finding myself drawn into a deeply unethical and predatory situation.

Mr. Batson introduced a buyer who was not only a personal contact, but also a licensed realtor and investor. He acted as a **dual agent** without adequate protection of my interests, **pressured me to include my car** in the deal under market value, and **misrepresented closing costs**, shifting the target from \$17K to \$22K — despite knowing I only had limited funds.

When I refused to hand over my car and sold it independently, the buyer walked — and Mr. Batson **ceased communication entirely**. He has since:

- Refused to release me from representation
- Withheld my house keys
- Left my property listed on the MLS without consent

This buyer was married to a CEO who moved nearly \$500K in one week — yet they still pressured me, a seminary student with no income, to part with my car just to make their deal easier.

His treatment changed when I disclosed that I had left my job to follow a calling to Christian ministry. I believe I was **seen as vulnerable** and **targeted because of my faith**.

So far, I've filed complaints with:

- U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division

- HUD, SCHAC, SC DCA, LLR, BBB, SC REALTORS®, NAR
- ACLU, ADL, ADF, Becket Fund, and the SC Attorney General

Yet to date, no one has taken meaningful action. I'm still contractually trapped, my listing remains active, and my keys have not been returned.

This is not just a real estate dispute. It's a story of a Christian who chose obedience over comfort — and was exploited for it. I'm willing to provide documentation, complaint records, and communications on background or under my pseudonym.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Cross

daniel.j.cross@icloud.com

(864) 362-5154

(Pseudonym used for privacy due to missionary status)

Daniel J. Cross exploited by Jackson Batson due to Religious Discrimination

Summary Timeline of Events

Background

In late 2024, I made the decision to pursue **full-time Christian missions and theological training** at a **world-renowned seminary**. I was then **forced** by my employer to **quit my job**, which resulted in immediately making it necessary for me to **sell my house**.

Timeline of Events

January-February 2025 — Initial Outreach & Misrepresentation

- **Forced to resign from my job** to begin ministry and seminary studies.
- **Began working with Jackson Batson** of RE/MAX Results to list and sell my home.

Mid-February — Pressure, Misconduct & Dual Agency

- Jackson Batson presents a buyer **represented by himself** (dual agency).
- Buyer turns out to be a **licensed realtor/investor** personal contact of Batson.
- **Deal requires me to include my vehicle** in the transaction **under market value**, despite my protest.
- Buyer is married to a **plastics engineering CEO**, showing **nearly \$500K** in account activity during a **single week**.
- Batson initially **misrepresents** the cash required at closing (\$17K), later **increasing** it to \$22K, despite knowing I have **limited funds**.

Late February — Collapse of Deal

- I **sell my vehicle** independently for more than the buyer offered.
- The deal **collapses**.
- Mr. Batson **ceases communication**.

March 2025 — Demands for Release Rejected

- I **formally demand** release from representation, return of property keys, and MLS delisting.
- **All demands are ignored**.
- Batson **refuses communication** and refers me to his attorney.

March–April 2025 — Legal Action Begins

- I **file complaints** with multiple agencies including:
 - U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division (DOJ)
 - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC)
 - South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
 - South Carolina Real Estate Commission (LLR)
 - Better Business Bureau (BBB)
 - South Carolina REALTORS® (Ethics Complaint)
 - National Association of REALTORS® (via Code of Ethics process)
 - ACLU (Religious discrimination report)
 - ADL (Religious bias incident report)
 - Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)
 - Becket Fund for Religious Liberty
 - SC Attorney General (consumer-related complaint)

Current Status

- I still have **no car**.
- I still have **no way to re-list** the property.
- I am still **contractually trapped**.
- My keys have **not been returned**.
- Listing **remains active**.
- **No action has been taken** by RE/MAX corporate or the Broker-in-Charge.

Summary

This is not just a *real estate issue* — it is a case of **religious discrimination**, *fiduciary abuse*, and *ongoing harm*. The agent's treatment of me changed after I disclosed my calling to Christian ministry. I was not just failed — I was **targeted**. This story deserves public attention and accountability.

Contact: [redacted] or [redacted]
(Pseudonym used for privacy due to missionary status)

Exhibit AO: *Disabled seller's seeks support from South Carolina Legal Society, a valid and needed request denied twice due to complexity.*

Re: Follow Up on Real Estate Dispute, Received Demand Letter from Jackson Batson

From Adam Matthew Steinberger
To susaningles@sclegal.org
Date Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at 02:54

Dear Ms. Ingles,

I hope this message finds you well. Thank you again for your time and the voicemail you left previously.

I am writing to provide an important update to my situation involving Jackson Batson and RF/MAX Results. I've compiled additional documentation that consolidates the text message and email communications relevant to the case, particularly illustrating how my status as a seminary student and minister-in-training was known and used in a way that I believe amounts to religious discrimination and predatory behavior.

The attached document, titled "Text and Email Threads Combined 4-5-25," includes a timeline of interactions, expressions of financial hardship related to ministry, and other critical context that may be useful in evaluating this case further.

I would be grateful if this could be added to my file for review. Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

With appreciation,
Adam Matthew Steinberger
(864) 517-4117
adam.steinberger@icloud.com

Dear Ms. Ingles,

I hope this message finds you well.

As requested, and in light of the escalating legal situation I'm facing, I am submitting the following formal rebuttal to preserve on file at South Carolina Legal Services. This statement is intended to address any accusations—explicit or implied—of libel or slander regarding the factual claims I have made concerning Jackson Batson and related parties.

REBUTTAL TO CLAIMS OF DEFAMATION (LIBEL OR SLANDER)

Prepared by: Adam Matthew Steinberger

Date: April 4, 2025

This is a formal rebuttal to any implied or explicit accusations of libel or slander concerning the public or private statements I have made regarding the conduct of real estate agent Jackson Batson and associated parties.

1. Factual Basis of All Statements

All statements made to date—whether in emails, media tips, legal complaints, social media posts, or correspondence with third-party organizations—are rooted in firsthand experience, supported by written documentation, and consistent with the evidence I have submitted to federal and state agencies. These include:

- Email and text records of Batson's communication breakdown and abandonment of representation.
- Signed and dated notices requesting termination of representation.
- Written notices regarding the withholding of property keys.

- Screenshots and MLS listings showing the unauthorized continuation of the listing.
- Formal complaints submitted to multiple regulatory and civil rights agencies.

2. Substantial Truth Doctrine

In matters of defamation law, truth is a complete defense. Even if minor details were disputed, the core of every statement made is substantially true. The events described are supported by timelines, documents, and corroborating facts that have already been submitted to:

- The U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC)
- South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR)
- Better Business Bureau (BBB)
- National Association of REALTORS® (NAR)
- South Carolina REALTORS® (SCR)
- South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
- Massachusetts Division of Occupational Licensure (for related parties)

3. Personal Testimony is Not Defamation

The public sharing of personal experience, even when critical, does not constitute libel or slander. I have shared my story to bring attention to a matter of public concern: the potential abuse of fiduciary power by licensed professionals, and the discriminatory treatment of individuals on the basis of religious conviction.

4. No Malicious Intent

There is no malicious intent behind any of my statements. My motive has been to seek justice, transparency, accountability, and protection—not only for myself, but for others who may be vulnerable to similar treatment.

5. Public Interest and Whistleblower Protections

As this case involves potential discrimination on the basis of religion and exploitation of a financially vulnerable party, it is protected under the principles of free speech, press inquiry, and whistleblower advocacy. I have acted

in good faith at all times.

Please keep this on record in conjunction with my other submitted materials. Let me know if you need any additional documentation or clarification.

Thank you again for your time and support.

Warm regards,
Adam Steinberger
adam.steinberger@icloud.com
(864) 517-4117

On Apr 4, 2025, at 14:28, Adam Matthew Steinberger <adam.steinberger@icloud.com> wrote:

Hi Susan,
I hope you are doing well, I got this demand letter a few moments ago from Jackson Batson's lawyer. I will be calling the SCI S office in just a few moments as well. I will need representation for this matter, if you are able to provide that that would be very helpful please and thank you.

Thanks,
Adam Steinberger
adam.steinberger@icloud.com
(864) 517-4117

<4.4.25 Demand Letter.pdf>

Exhibit AP: Disabled seller requests that agent try to sell house to a new buyer instead of holding house hostage under illegal litigation, under creative terms due to limited accessible options. This includes offering slave labor.

From: Adam Matthew Steinberger <adam@matthewsteinberger.com>
To: Jackson, Chris <Chris.Jackson@scbar.com>
Subject: RE: 236 TIPPIN TRAIL, TRAVELERS REST, SC 29690

Dear Mr. Batson

I hope this message finds you well, and that you're enjoying a pleasant Fourth of July holiday.

I'm reaching out regarding the property located at 236 Tippin Trail, Travelers Rest, SC 29690, which I currently own. I would like to move forward with relisting and selling this property through you, with the goal of achieving the highest possible sale price within the time frame available.

As of now, foreclosure proceedings are expected to begin in August if the property is not sold before then. My intent is to work with you to sell the property prior to that time. This property represents my only asset, liquid or otherwise, and I am fully motivated to get it sold efficiently and effectively.

I want to be clear in stating that I intend to compensate you for your work as my real estate agent through and only through the imminent sale of this property. To that end, I am ready to begin the listing process and would appreciate you sending over any necessary documentation or agreements for my review and discussion.

Please also note that I will only consider a sale that is free of dual agency or any personal affiliations between yourself and any potential buyer. This is to ensure there are no conflicts of interest, and that your fiduciary duties are maintained exclusively on my behalf throughout the transaction.

Let's get started. I look forward to hearing from you and moving ahead with this process.

Best regards,
Adam Matthew Steinberger
adam@matthewsteinberger.com
(864) 517-4117

Hi Jackson,

Just following up on my message from earlier. I'm really looking forward to working together to get 236 Tippin Trail sold. I'm eager to hit the ground running and appreciate your help in making this happen as efficiently and successfully as possible.

Please let me know what you need from me to get started. I'm ready to move forward and will make myself fully available for anything you need to get the listing process underway.

Thank you again. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Warmly,

Adam Matthew Steinberger
adam@matthewsteinberger.com
(864) 517-4117

Hi Jackson,

I need to be completely direct with you: **please let me know right now if you are actually interested in selling this house**, or if this is going to turn into yet another argument about the March fallout. I cannot afford to wait for your trip to conclude while my house continues to sit in limbo. This property has been effectively held hostage for months; the mortgage is unpaid, and you are the listing agent I hired to get it sold.

If you are not going to move forward with the sale, I need to know **immediately**. And if that is the case, I am **formally requesting that we initiate mediation through the South Carolina REALTORS® Mediation Program at 803-772-5206**, per the terms of the contract.

To be clear, **Section 24 (Mediation)** of the contract **explicitly states** that all parties agree to attempt mediation for any dispute or breach related to this transaction. I'm unsure why this path wasn't pursued originally, but we're heading toward continued conflict instead of resolution, then let's proceed with mediation now, professionally, efficiently, and per the agreement.

That said, I'm still willing and ready to get this property sold through you, and I fully expect you to be compensated for your time and efforts — if you're still committed to doing the job I hired you for.

Please respond as soon as possible with a clear answer.

Regards,
Adam Matthew Steinberger

(864) 517-4117

Good morning Mr. Steinberger

We are in receipt of your July 4th, 2025, email regarding your request to relist and sell the Property.

To begin, as previously stated, we would request that all correspondence with Mr. Batson be directed to our office, and made through legal counsel. We appreciate your willingness to attempt to resolve this matter with our Client, however, please direct all future communications to our office.

With that being said, we would next like to address your request to relist the Property. While Mr. Batson is potentially willing to relist the Property, we do have some concerns regarding your ability to pay Mr. Batson's commission should the sale of the Property be effectuated. To that end, we are requesting a statement from your bank showing the equity you currently have in the Property, or other substantively similar documentation.

Should you have sufficient equity in the Property, or other assets sufficient to pay Mr. Batson's potential commission, we can further discuss relisting the Property.

Please provide us with the requested information on or before end of day Wednesday, July 9th, 2025.

Thank you

Chris

RE: Let's Get Started - Selling 236 Tippin Trl

From Adam Matthew Steinberger
To Christopher Schwartz <schwartz@...>
CC Adam Matthew Steinberger
Jackson Ratson <jratson@...>, Stokely Holcer <stokelyholcer@...>
Alexancer Paterra <alexancer@...>
Date Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 at 09:38

Hi Chris,

I hope you are enjoying your week so far and having a good morning.

I am not comfortable providing personal financial information. I have nothing right now, and without a car I am actually going without food some days. Food insecurity has been a very real problem for me, and I am trying to get back on my feet after everything that happened this last six months. It takes time, and the longer I go without industry work the harder it is to get back into it. Being in school has caused a tremendous amount of opposition from the world - leading to breakdowns in employment, family relations and also this real estate scenario. I'd honestly be open to moving back to Greenville if I have a job to go back to. The world definitely does not want me in ministry - at least not in the traditional sense, and if it's between a warm meal and no food at all I'm OK with non-traditional ministry opportunities instead. Realistically, I have a couple thoughts all of which are meant to be creative alternatives.

What I really need is a job, something that pays more than federal poverty. The important part is to get back into a car or get into a city so that food stability can be re-established. If three meals a day can become again a guaranteed reality than this would be a huge win for everyone. So my thoughts are mostly on that: either find a way to get back into this house and have a job to go back to in Greenville that will support the mortgage or produce value equivalent to the funds needed to sell via my own time and expertise and then again get back to focusing on food stability. I am fully comfortable with either of these options. If you are at all interested or if your client is at all interested in these options let me know. I want to make sure we are all comfortable with a decision as to how to move forward.

You can find more information on what I do for a living at the following links:

<https://about.adammattwesteinberger.com/home-to-navigators> - All about AI and what it is that I do

<https://about.adammattwesteinberger.com/> - My professional landing page

<https://about.adammattwesteinberger.com/> - A live demo of the kind of work that I do (it's a sample using free backend tools since I do not have the resources for something a little bit more cutting edge, but nonetheless it still does some pretty cool stuff! And aside from limited resources I do have the expertise required to make the enterprise version as well.)

<https://dylal.com/realadammatthew/> - My calendar for scheduling

<https://home.adammattwesteinberger.com/sitemap> - More details on different ways AI services can be rendered to customers or employers

<https://github.com/realadammatthew/> - My github account, it's not much yet as all of the software I've produced in industry so far has been closed-source (I'm not legally allowed to share it) but I am working on building out a portfolio of more sample work to show employers I know what I'm doing, just takes time!

<https://github.com/realadammatthew/resume> - My actually current professional resume that I keep up to date as well can be found here!

<https://x.com/realadammatthew> - My X/Twitter in case you are wondering (I'm not really active on social, but some people like to see that I have it)

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/realadammatthew/> - My LinkedIn page (again, not a social media guy, but some employers won't even hire you unless you have one, so unfortunately I had to make one anyways so here it is)

<https://buymecoffee.com/realadammatthew> - Just for fun I made a "buy me a coffee" site, not really important but it does exist!

<https://humbleberger.org/> - If you want to see another example of website development that I've done, you can check this site out as well. All custom software that I wrote, fully multi-lingual, with a full blog series (4 hour audio/video version to be release later this morning) and AI chatbot included (the chatbot itself I am running through another project called the Apologist project as they have paying customers right now and so they have access to the cutting-edge AI tools that I do not due to resource limitations and due to the evangelistic nature of the content they are happy to provide access for free).

Just a note if this is something you would be willing to consider: My focus is in AI, backend and cloud. Anything that you are seeing as front-end material (like the look and feel of the website) is generated by bots and I am only able to do so much before I've reached the limit of my own expertise in this area. But learning and automation are very real options!

I also build APIs, Webhooks, basically anything that sits in the cloud and can integrate with other systems. My main "vibe" if you will is software architecture, specifically RAG architectures for AI and Onion architectures for backend integrations like APIs and webhooks.

Please think this over, and let me know. Unfortunately due to the massive backlash in a Jewish person pursuing traditional Christian ministry routes I have been unwillingly placed in a position where I do not have a lot of options. And I completely understand if this is a hard no. I just want to throw this out there before completely giving up.

Also, if you are wondering, you may notice that I have some gaps in social awareness and that kind of thing, I have been navigating the very real likelihood that I qualify under the postmodern definition of neurodiversity - particularly under the umbrella that used to be called Aspergers and is among people my own age typically called adult autism these days. It has gone undiagnosed for decades and at this point is not really diagnosable without large capital or a huge time investment that I just don't have available to make.

I apologize that this has not been the most pleasant experience for anyone involved, I am not great at handling these kinds of situations and also have a history of childhood trauma (so when I am under pressure sometimes my reactions are not ideal and I am trying to work on fixing that). Ideally in the future I would like to get out of real estate and any entrepreneurial endeavors entirely as the social gaps in my day-to-day walk are sometimes so severe that it's just not worth the heartache to deal with it. For some who may be more socially savvy maybe this may be good, but for me I find that I usually just end up in bad situations and end up regretting it later.

Anyways, hopefully this isn't too long of an email. I really appreciate your time reading this and any help you are able to offer. Please let me know what you think!

Best regards,

Adam Matthew Steinberger

Good morning Mr. Steinberger

Thank you for your patience on my response to your email. Additionally, I appreciate your efforts in putting together a sincere and creative offer. Thank you for that. However, with that being said, I don't think my client can accept your offer.

I think our opposition to your proposal is more of a practical one. While my client and I feel for your difficult situation, I don't think it's realistic for us to agree to a plan that is contingent upon your completion of such monumental hurdles (job, car, food stability, etc.).

Again, we truly feel for your situation and appreciate the uphill battle it appears you may be facing. While that's true, even considering the circumstances, it would be unwise for us to agree to a settlement offer under the terms you proposed.

Please let us know if you have any additional offers to settle or have any questions.

Again, as a reminder, please direct all correspondence to our office and not to our client.

Thank you

Exhibit AQ: Disabled seller attempts to initiate mediation, something agent should have been responsible for initiating himself, not disabled seller.

Dear Mr. Holder:

Grace and peace to you.

I've taken time to reflect prayerfully on our correspondence and the broader implications of this situation. I believe we would both agree that this matter is regrettable and complex, and that at the heart of it lies not only legal questions, but also deeper matters of trust, integrity, and human dignity. For my part, I have no desire for conflict or escalation. I would much rather see resolution achieved in a manner that upholds peace, mutual respect, and the values we both profess to hold dear.

Because of this, I would like to humbly propose that we consider handling this matter through the oversight and care of a local church, or a mutually agreed upon panel of spiritually mature individuals—such as elders, pastors, or Christian mediators—rather than through the civil legal system.

This approach is deeply rooted in Scripture:

"If one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints?"
- 1 Corinthians 6:1

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."
- Matthew 5:9

What I am proposing is not to evade responsibility, but rather to seek reconciliation in a way that is both Christ-honoring and holistic. This could involve **mediation** through a local church, with both parties agreeing to submit to a fair and prayerful review of the matter, and to seek resolution in a way that values restoration over retaliation.

I understand the seriousness of the contractual concerns at play. I am willing to compromise and am not seeking to "win" at someone else's expense, but rather to find a just and merciful outcome. If Mr. Batson is willing to meet in good faith, ideally under pastoral oversight or with the help of an impartial Christian mediator—I would be glad to begin such a conversation.

My hope is not only for a resolution to this dispute, but that in the end, Christ's name would be honored in how we walk through this.

Please prayerfully consider this proposal. I am open to suggestions as to how such a process could be structured if there is willingness to move in this direction.

In Christ and with respect,

Adam Matthew Stemberger

(844) 517-4117

Dear Mr. Batson:

Thank you for taking the time to consider reviewing my case. I'm writing to request your help in evaluating a complex real estate dispute involving Jackson Batson of RE/MAX Results in Travelers Rest, SC. The situation has escalated into legal and financial hardship, and I'm currently seeking resolution through **mediation**. Below is a summary of the relevant details for your review.

Overview of the Situation:

- I am in a dispute with Jackson Batson and RE/MAX Results over a failed real estate transaction at 236 Tippin Trail, Travelers Rest, SC.
- I signed an Exclusive Right to Sell Agreement on February 18, 2025, expiring August 31, 2025. The property was listed at \$299,900.
- The initial deal was structured for \$290,000 (amended to \$310,000 with my car included). When I voided the car independently in March 2025, the deal collapsed.
- RE/MAX is demanding a \$17,400 commission (6% of \$290,000) plus legal fees, citing breach of contract (April 4, 2025, demand letter).
- I alleged discriminatory conduct, including misrepresentation of closing costs (initially \$17,318.14, later cut under \$22,000), pressure to include my car at a below-market rate, and failure to provide informed consent regarding dual agency.
- I also believe Batson engaged in religious discrimination after I disclosed my status as a Jewish Christian seminary student pursuing ministry. I've filed formal complaints with DDO, HUD, SCHAC, and the SC LLR.
- Despite repeated requests, Batson has refused to release me from representation, return my house keys, or delist the property.

My Financial Hardship:

- I currently have \$17,900 in savings, projected to deplete by late October 2025 due to increased costs.
- My monthly income is \$1,600 (20 hours/week at \$20/hour). From May–July 2025, I will earn \$2,320/month (29 hours/week), but will return to 20 hours/week in August due to seminary.
- My monthly expenses are \$4,805: \$2,205 to maintain 236 Tippin Trail (mortgage, property taxes, HOA fees, and insurance), and \$2,600 for housing and living expenses in Wake Forest, NC.
- This results in a current deficit of \$2,205/month (rising again in August), increasing the urgency to resolve this issue quickly.

Mediation Context:

- RE/MAX has agreed to court-certified **mediation** (April 13, 2025, email from attorney Chris Schwartz).
- I anticipate a settlement in the range of \$4,000–\$5,500, ideally with a lump-sum payment following a house sale in May–June 2025.
- I am seeking a mutual release of all claims, release from the listing agreement, return of house keys, and removal of the MLS listing.

My Goals:

- Settle for a reduced amount, ideally \$4,000–\$4,500, paid in a lump sum or limited payment plan.
- Relist the property immediately and sell during the spring market peak (May 2025), targeting a \$310,000–\$330,000 sale.
- Eliminate the \$2,205/month burden and use sale proceeds to stabilize my finances and ministry work.
- Recover losses incurred due to the dispute, which forced me to sell my car and limited my transportation options for school.

Key Questions:

- Is a \$4,000–\$4,500 settlement reasonable given my financial hardship and the contract terms?
- Do my allegations of fiduciary misconduct provide leverage to contest the full commission demand?
- How should I handle my discrimination claims within the context of **mediation** while preserving my rights in agency investigations?
- What legal risks should I be aware of regarding defamation, based on my whistleblowing efforts and public complaints?
- Could you represent me in **mediation**, either on a limited scope basis or full representation?
- Are there any contractual risks (e.g., extension clauses or buyer protection periods) that could impact my ability to relist?
- Should I make minor home repairs (e.g., stove and door) prior to resale to maximize sale price?

I've attached key documentation for your review. Please let me know if this is a case you'd be willing to take on, or if additional information is needed to make that determination.

Exhibit AR: Disabled seller discover agent has filed suit against him in county court, expediting his push to get back into a car and move back home.

Linhart Realty Group Llc , Plaintiff, Et Al Vs. Adam Matthew Steinberger

[illegible]

Case Details for Linhart Realty Group Llc v. Steinberger, Adam Matthew , et al.

Clerk Of Court C P G S And Family Court

August 12, 2025

Common Pleas

August 13, 2025

Commercial

Greenville County SC

Breach of Contract

Exhibit AS: Agent's legal team attempts to extort disabled seller for \$17K and a false/illegal public retraction after discovering disabled seller has re-entered the workforce.

Good Morning

Thank you for your time in discussing a resolution to this matter. After speaking with my client, he remains upset but is willing to set aside his emotions in hopes of reaching a compromise. Please understand, however, that he has incurred more than \$13,000 in legal fees which we would be allowed to recover in court! He is owed a commission, and he has damages associated with the attempts to disparage his character. My client is willing to forego the vast majority of those damages in an effort to reach a good faith resolution.

Accordingly, my client will accept the following in exchange for my client dismissing the claims filed against Adam Steinberger:

1. A dismissal by Adam Steinberger of all complaints lodged against Jackson Batson and/or RE/MAX Results, to include, without limitation, the BBB Complaint and the LLR Complaint.
2. A removal by Adam Steinberger of all reviews posted on any public or private forum against Jackson Batson and/or RE/MAX Results.
3. A dismissal with prejudice of the counter-claims filed by Adam Steinberger.
4. A publication of a retraction, correction and apology statement regarding the prior statements, comments, emails, messages, publications, and/or communications (written, verbal, electronic or otherwise) by Mr. Steinberger that alleged or suggested that Jackson Batson and/or RE/MAX Results did anything improper in their dealings with Adam Steinberger, to include, without limitation, the following:
 - a. Jackson Batson and/or RE/MAX Results engaged in fraud, misrepresentation, dishonesty, or unethical conduct;
 - b. Jackson Batson and/or RE/MAX Results pressured, manipulated, exploited, threatened, or took advantage of Adam Steinberger;
 - c. Jackson Batson and/or RE/MAX Results misled Adam Steinberger about the contract terms or caused Adam Steinberger to lack an understanding of the contract terms;
 - d. Jackson Batson and/or RE/MAX Results used any disability status of Adam Steinberger against him or allowed it to contribute to the decisions made by Adam Steinberger related to the execution of any contract; and
 - e. Jackson Batson and/or RE/MAX Results acted illegally, wrongfully or outside professional standards.
5. A Non-disparagement provision.
6. A full release and covenant not to sue; and
7. Payment to Jackson Batson of \$17,000 which can be paid on terms (i.e., payment plan) to be agreed upon, with a Confession of Judgment provided for full amount with covenant not to file unless/until any payment is not made. This \$17,000 amount is comprised of the prior \$4,000 offered by Mr. Steinberger, together with \$13,000 of the legal fees incurred by my client to date (and standing he has incurred more than that, and will continue to incur more until this is finalized).

Please let me know if you have any questions. I remain hopeful we can get this all sorted out, but time remains of the essence now that counter-claims have been filed.

Regards,

Stokely

Exhibit AT: Zillow listing shows disabled seller's house listing remove 25 Apr 2025, then relisted 24 Jun 2025, then removed again 6 Jul 2025. All activities are imported directly from MLS by agent. This is false advertising.

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Price history

Date	Event	Price
8/18/2025	Listing removed	\$1,700 \$1/sqft
8/9/2025	Listed for rent	\$1,700 -5.3% \$1/sqft
7/6/2025	Listing removed	\$299,900 \$186/sqft
6/24/2025	Listed for sale	\$299,900 \$186/sqft
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Exhibit 0: Receipt from Comprehensive Psychological Services, LLC from neuropsych evaluation for confirmed AuDHD diagnosis.

COMPREHENSIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, LLC.

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Client: John Doe

Services Provided: 1000000

Time: 00:00:00

Method of Payment: _____

Fee Received: 158.00

Organizational Mission:

Exhibit 1: Paperwork deadline for neuropsych evaluation performed by Comprehensive Psychological Services, LLC for AuDHD diagnosis.

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André Bouché, *Université de Bordeaux*

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The World Health Organization defines a case of dengue as a fever of $\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ for ≥ 2 days, with at least two of the following symptoms: headache, muscle and joint pain, skin rash, and lymphadenopathy. The date of onset was defined as the date of the first fever, or the date of the first visit to a health care provider if the patient was not aware of the onset of the fever. The date of diagnosis was defined as the date of the first visit to a health care provider with a confirmed diagnosis of dengue. The date of diagnosis was also defined as the date of the first visit to a health care provider with a confirmed diagnosis of dengue if the patient was not aware of the onset of the fever. The date of diagnosis was also defined as the date of the first visit to a health care provider with a confirmed diagnosis of dengue if the patient was not aware of the onset of the fever.

¹ $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ stands for the space of probability measures on \mathbb{R}^d . For $\mu \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\mu \otimes \mu$ is the product measure on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$. We assume that μ is a probability measure on \mathbb{R}^d with compact support.

For most studies, the 100 best-selling books with the highest number of reviews were selected. The 100 best-selling books were selected from the 100 best-selling books in each category.

It has been proposed that the total number of different words in the lexicon, L , is the same as the number of different syllables, S , in the lexicon, that is, $L = S$. This is based on the hypothesis that each word is represented by a single syllable. We have used this hypothesis to work out the number of different words in the lexicon, L , from the number of different syllables, S , in the lexicon.

^a χ^2 test for independence of variables.

$$x_{i+1} = \begin{cases} x_i + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x & \text{if } x_i \in [0, 1) \\ x_i - \frac{1}{2} \Delta x & \text{if } x_i \in (1, 2) \\ x_i & \text{if } x_i \in \{0, 1, 2\} \end{cases}$$

bioassays of the *in vitro* activity of α -glucosidase and α -amylase.

Exhibit 2: Deadline extension for neuropsych evaluation performed by Comprehensive Psychological Services, LLC for AuDHD diagnosis.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Hey Adam,

Thanks for reaching out. Your report is still in the works- with the recent holiday break and an unexpected family medical emergency. Dr. Woodlief is currently completing reports approximately 8 weeks from the appointment date. Once it is finalized, you will receive a PDF copy of the evaluation via email. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time, it is truly appreciated. If you have any other questions, or if there are doctor's appointments you'd like us to be aware of, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Protect your peace.

Korinne Schwartz
Clinical Assistant
Comprehensive Psychological Services

From: Adam Matthew Stenberger <adam@matthewstenberger.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 3:19 PM
To: Assistant <assistant@compsychsc.com>
Subject: Re: AS report timeline

Hi Korinne

I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to reach out as I believe it has been six weeks from the date of the neuropsych eval that Dr. Woodlief performed for me in October 21st. I am just curious if the paperwork from the evaluation is ready, and if so how the documents will be delivered? If not, do you know approximately when I should be expecting to see this paperwork available? Please let me know! I look forward to hearing back soon.

Best regards,
Adam Matthew Stenberger
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PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

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Date of Testing: 10/21/2025
Date of Report: 12/15/2025

Client: Adam Steinberger

DOB: 8/17/1990

REASON FOR REFERRAL

Adam Steinberger requested this psychological evaluation to assess his psychological, cognitive, and social functioning. Specifically, the present evaluation investigated possible diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). This report concludes with recommendations to address his psychological needs.

NOTICE

This report is confidential and meant for use by those who have received written authorization from Adam Steinberger. No unauthorized disclosure of this report or data contained in this report is allowed. Any person who, without proper authorization, discloses information contained in this report assumes all liability associated therewith.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Clinical Interview with Adam Steinberger

Psychological Testing:

- Barkley Adult ADHD Rating Scale – Fourth Edition: Self-Report (BAARS-IV:SR)
- Barkley Deficits in Executive Functioning Scale – LF: Self-Report (BDEFS-LF:SR)
- Barkley Functional Impairment Scale – Long Form: Self-Report (BFIS-LF:SR)
- Conners Continuous Performance Test – 3rd Edition (CPT-3)
- Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)
- PTSD Checklist for DSM-5 (PCL-5)
- Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)
- Screen for Adult Anxiety Related Disorders (SCAARED)
- Social Responsiveness Scale – 2nd Edition: Self-Report (SRS-2: Self)
- Symptom Assessment – 45 Questionnaire (SA-45)
- Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence – 2nd Edition (WASI-II)

BEHAVIORAL OBSERVATIONS

Adam is a 35-year-old, White man who was dressed casually, had good hygiene, and appeared commensurate with his chronological age. He wore glasses. Adam presented in a positive manner with a broad expression of affect, though he expressed some anxiety throughout the day, and engaged in sustained eye contact. He produced a typical quantity of speech, often speaking in an animated manner and occasionally exhibiting difficulty with regulating his volume. Adam appeared to be oriented to all spheres, have good insight into his functioning, and respond in a candid manner during his interview and on most of the norm-referenced inventories, though some caution is necessary due to a negative response style on the PAI.

During testing, Adam was cooperative and engaged and established positive rapport with the psychometrist. He was eager to speak, asking questions as needed for clarification, elaborating on his responses to survey and test items, and sharing personal anecdotes. He also talked to himself while working. He was not tangential in speech and redirected easily back to his tasks. Adam exhibited some low frustration tolerance, including making self-deprecating remarks when he was unsure of or having difficulty with an item. He engaged in some restless behaviors, including adjusting his posture and shuffling his feet, as well as self-soothing behaviors, including humming, rocking in his seat, and "fist bumping" the psychometrist; following the latter, he often stated, "It's my stim, man." Overall, he appeared to sustain his attention and concentration well, be motivated to do well, and to put forth good effort. The present testing can be considered interpretable, with some caution.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND

Adam was born and raised in Albany, New York by his biological parents alongside three siblings, 38M, 35F (his twin), and 33F. He endorsed a history of abuse and trauma in childhood, stating, "Dad was an alcoholic with narcissistic personality disorder," adding, "He was emotionally abusive and neglectful." Adam endorsed a more positive relationship with his mother, stating, "She's very helpful and loving," though he noted codependent tendencies. His parents divorced when he was 21 years old, and his father passed away in 2018 after fighting brain cancer. Family psychiatric history includes ADHD, depression, anxiety, and bipolar disorder. He opined that his father may have been autistic.

Adam and his twin were born via c-section about 6 weeks premature and spent approximately 3-4 weeks in the NICU to allow their lungs to fully develop; they required lung surfactant and a respirator to get adequate oxygen. Adam did not report delays in his motor or speech milestones; he was delayed in toilet training, not completing this milestone until he was 4 years old. There was no report of concussions, head injuries, seizures, or major accidents or illnesses. His medical history includes wisdom teeth extraction, anal fissure corrective surgery, and removal of cancerous growths on his skin. He also participated in physical therapy following a car crash. He denied any current medical concerns. With respect to his appetite and eating behaviors, he endorsed a "chronically irregular appetite." Regarding his sleep, he endorsed chronic problems falling asleep and getting enough rest, noting insomniac tendencies.

Adam graduated from high school in a timely manner with no report of repeated grades. He received academic accommodations for ADHD, endorsing difficulties with focus, staying on task, restlessness, talkativeness, and distractibility. He took Ritalin throughout his scholastic career. Major behavioral concerns, such as expulsions or suspensions, were denied, though he stated, "I had issues sitting still on the bus, and annoyed people." After high school, he attended Skidmore College and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, earning his bachelor's degree in computer science. He endorsed a history of employment in software engineering; he is presently self-employed. His future goals include increasing his stability.

Adam presently resides independently. In his free time, he enjoys learning about AI. Adam endorsed a history of social difficulties, stating, "I've experienced rejection since childhood." He described a history of failing to pick up on "unwritten social cues and rules," adding, "I have no social awareness." Adam had formed some friendships in his

adulthood, though he described a traumatic series of events in January 2025 that caused him to "lose all support from family and friends." He described compounding stressors including being "forced to quit his job, losing the tenant to his house, and losing his car" that lead to him "panicking and falling for a real estate scam." He said, "I had to start going without food... I thought I was going to die." Adam is currently pursuing a civil suit against the perpetrators of the scam. There was no report of any alcohol or substance abuse or encounters with law enforcement.

MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY

Adam reported a history of mental health treatment beginning in childhood. He was diagnosed with ADHD in childhood, which was managed with medication for many years. He also received therapeutic services in childhood. He reported that he was hospitalized for suicidal ideation on three occasions in his twenties and later diagnosed with anxiety and bipolar II. He reported that "unipolar" antidepressants did not work for him and described 1-2-week-long periods of hypomania, characterized by "feeling more intensely," an increased sex drive, and impulsivity. He has trialed many psychiatric medications, including stimulants, antidepressants, anti-anxieties, and antipsychotics. He is not presently participating in therapy or receiving psychiatric services.

Adam endorsed issues with inattention, hyperactivity, impulsivity, and other deficits in executive functioning that are present and impairing across settings. He reported that he often has trouble getting started on his work and following through with and finishing things he starts. He also has difficulty managing, organizing, and prioritizing tasks. Adam further described impairment due to difficulty sustaining concentration, being easily distracted, and forgetfulness. He reported that he has issues with hyperactivity and impulsivity, including being impatient and having a low tolerance for frustration. He further endorsed impairment due to excessive talking, blurting out, interrupting others, difficulty staying seated and being quiet when he needs to do so, and being fidgety, restless, and "on the go".

Adam reported a long history of impairment due to anxiety and related symptoms. He said that he has difficulty controlling his worries about how things are going to work out, how well he does things, and what is going to happen. He described having trouble relaxing and enjoying himself due to feeling anxious, along with associated physical tension, restlessness, irritability, and being easily fatigued. Adam also acknowledged marked anxiety about doing or saying the wrong thing around unfamiliar people and when others are watching him do things. He said that fears of embarrassing himself often keep him from doing things that he would otherwise want to and described feeling self-conscious around others due to fears of saying or doing the wrong thing. This self-consciousness leads to him feeling uneasy in such settings and, sometimes, avoiding them.

Reviewing symptoms associated with his history of trauma, including abuse in childhood and the series of events described above, Adam stated that he is regularly impacted by related intrusive thoughts and nightmares and has trouble remembering important details of the traumatic events. He further endorsed being very upset by and having strong physical reactions to reminders of these traumas, avoiding talking or thinking about them, and avoiding external reminders whenever possible. He described persistent, negative feelings about himself, others, and the world in general; some self-blame; and strong, negative emotions (e.g., anxiety, shame). Adam described marked

difficulty connecting with and trusting others and with experiencing positive emotions, as well as having issues with sleep and concentration. Adam also endorsed often being "on guard" for possible danger, easily startled, and irritable.

AUTISM

Adam endorsed a number of past and/or present behaviors that are consistent with the *DSM-5-TR* criteria for diagnosing autism spectrum disorder (ASD). While these criteria are the basis for diagnosing ASD, they are significantly deficit-based in their language and descriptors. This approach is completely out of step with the current understanding of autistic experiences from a neuro-affirmative perspective. The *DSM-5-TR* criteria hold neurotypical communication and engagement as the default standard to be measured against rather than appreciating the natural variation between neurotypes as being equal. The examiner's goal is to relate Adam's behaviors and experiences to the *DSM-5-TR* criteria while using language that is more affirmative of autism as a neurotype.

Adam endorsed past and present behaviors consistent with *DSM-5-TR* Criteria A, including those related to:

Social/emotional reciprocity, including:

- Not building on others' words in reciprocal conversation
- Not often showing curiosity about others
- Not being aware of and able to understand others' points of view (i.e., cognitive empathy)
- Not showing affective empathy (i.e., showing concern in behavior)
- Difficulty with greeting others and responding to greetings
- Tending to disengage when not interested in conversation
- Tending to not share personal information, experiences, or emotions
- Having an unusually direct communication style
- Difficulty engaging in groups/having a lot harder time communicating if there is more than one other person
- Misunderstanding others' intentions or expectations

Nonverbal communication, including:

- Engaging in atypical eye contact
- Not being aware of their volume or failing to adapt to the situation/setting
- Less changes in vocal inflection or unusual pauses
- Difficulty noticing and/or correctly interpreting others' expressions
- Exhibiting restricted or mismatched facial expressions
- Missing jokes told by others, especially if deadpan or sarcastic

Relationship management, including:

- Difficulty making new friends
- Difficulty maintaining friendships
- Having low social motivation
- Having limited social energy
- Looking to others around them or in books, movies, tv, etc. for examples of how to speak and act in order to 'appear more normal'
- Having difficulty with casual social encounters (i.e., "small talk")

Adam endorsed past and present behaviors consistent with *DSM-5-TR* Criteria B, including those related to:

Repetitive or Idiosyncratic Behavior/Speech, including:

- Frequent engaging in stimming behaviors to manage stress and other emotions (e.g., boredom)

Flexibility, including:

- Having more difficulty (strong reactions) than others with changes in routine
- Difficulty coping with having to change how they do things
- Getting "stuck" in their thinking
- Rigidly adhering to moral compass and/or rules

Intense or atypical interests, including:

- Having interests that are limited in extent, number, scope, or action
- Having abnormally intense or fixated interests

Sensory differences, including:

- Aversions to specific sounds, types of sounds, or noise in general
- Significant discomfort with textures
- Overwhelm in crowds due to combined sensory input
- Little awareness of physiological sensations of emotions and subsequent lack of awareness of emotional state

PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST RESULTS

Note to the Reader about the Interpretation of Psychological Tests

The interpretations of psychological tests presented in this report are hypotheses and should not be used in isolation from other information in this matter. The interpretative statements are primarily computer-generated, actuarial, and expert predictions based on the test patterns. The interpretations reflect characteristics of persons who have provided test response patterns that are similar to those of the current individual. Test results are probabilistic in nature and should be interpreted cautiously when incorporating other data. Therefore, the reader should examine the test interpretations for general trends and not put too much weight on one specific statement. In the integration and presentation of the test data, when the results were unclear or in conflict, this examiner selected the most likely hypotheses for presentation here.

Norm-Referenced Inventories

Symptom Assessment – 45 Questionnaire (SA-45)

Adam was first administered the SA-45, a self-report measure designed to screen for symptoms of various psychological conditions experienced within the past week. This multidimensional instrument provides both a global scale index (GSI) and nine subscales (anxiety, depression, concentration difficulties, somatic complaints, phobic fears, hostility, interpersonal sensitivity, suspicion of others, and unusual thoughts). Adam endorsed significant levels of distress during the past week (GSI = 70T). He rated significant elevations on the scales related to concentration difficulties, anxiety, phobic

fears, and interpersonal sensitivity. Additionally, his ratings suggested a need for further investigation into symptoms related to suspicion of others, hostility, and depression.

Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)

Adam also completed the PAI, a self-report measure designed to provide diagnostic information of adults regarding their personality tendencies and clinical syndromes. It is noted that this examiner utilized a computerized report to facilitate the interpretation of this inventory. The validity indices suggested a tendency to endorse items that present an unfavorable impression, including an exaggeration of complaints and problems. Although this pattern does not necessarily indicate a level of distortion that would render the test results uninterpretable, the interpretive hypotheses presented in this report could overrepresent the extent and degree of significant test findings because of this tendency and should be reviewed with caution.

Adam's profile included significant elevations on scales related to interpersonal difficulties (suspicion, hostility, paranoia, hypervigilance, resentment); anxiety (cognitive and affective features); phobic fears; difficulties concentrating; and concerns about health and physical functioning. He endorsed mild concerns related to depression; history of negative relationships; and elevated and variable mood. He did not describe significant concerns with antisocial behavior or problems with empathy. Also, he reported NO significant problems with alcohol or drug abuse or dependence.

Barkley Adult ADHD Rating Scale – Fourth Edition: Self-Report (BAARS-IV:SR)

Adam next completed the BAARS-IV, an assessment of an individual's self-reported symptoms of inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. In this exercise, the client is asked to rate both their childhood and present symptoms of ADHD. Ratings at the marginal and minimal ranges are not indicative of clinically significant issues. Ratings of mild, moderate, and/or severe indicate the severity of clinically significant impairment. Rating his childhood, Adam reported severe symptoms of inattention and hyperactivity/impulsivity. Rating his current functioning, he endorsed severe symptoms of hyperactivity and impulsivity and moderate symptoms of inattention. These results suggest that Adam has experienced impairment related to inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity since early childhood.

Barkley Deficits in Executive Functioning Scale – Long Form: Self-Report (BDEFS-LF:SR)

Adam next completed the BDEFS-LF:SR, a scale for evaluating dimensions of executive functioning, including capacities involved in time management, organization and problem solving, self-restraint, self-motivation, and self-regulation of emotions. Ratings at the marginal and minimal ranges are not indicative of clinically significant issues. Ratings of mild, moderate, and/or severe indicate the severity of clinically significant impairment. On the overall ADHD-EF Index, Adam rated symptoms in the moderate range. Reviewing the individual scales on the BDEFS, he endorsed severe deficits in time management, moderate deficits in self-organization/problem solving, and mild deficits in self-restraint. Adam endorsed minimal deficits in emotional self-regulation and marginal deficits in self-motivation.

Social Responsiveness Scale – Second Edition: Self-Report (SRS-2: Self)

Adam completed the SRS-2: Self, a checklist of 65 questions that assesses social characteristics and skills. The SRS-2: Self provides an overall total score and scores on five subscales: social awareness (the ability to recognize social cues), social cognition (the interpretive aspects of reciprocal social behavior as well as sensory sensitivities), social communication (the expressive aspects of social interactions), social motivation (the desire to interact with others), and repetitive mannerisms (stereotypical or restricted behaviors/interests). Scores in the mild range are indicative of clinically significant deficiencies that may be associated with mild autism spectrum disorder (ASD), attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), anxiety disorders, or cognitive limitations. Scores in the moderate to severe range are indicative of more substantial social difficulties suggestive of ASD, a social communication disorder, or other developmental/intellectual/learning disorders.

Adam rated himself in the severe range on the overall SRS-2 scale (Total = $\geq 90T$). On the individual scales, he reported severe elevations related to repetitive mannerisms (RRB = $\geq 90T$), social communication (COM = 87T), social cognition (COG = 84T), and social motivation (MOT = 74T), along with a moderate elevation related to social awareness (AWR = 72T).

Barkley Functional Impairment Scale – LF: Self-Report (BFIS-LF:SR)

The BFIS-LF:SR is a rating scale designed to measure perceptions of an individual's functional effectiveness in meeting the demands of daily life. Specific areas of daily life assessed by this measure include homemaking, employment, social functioning, community activities, education, intimate relationships, money management, driving abilities, daily responsibilities, self-care routines, health maintenance, and child-rearing. In scoring the BFIS-LF:SR, there is a Mean Impairment Score (MIS) that indicates a percentile of global impairment. Additionally, each of the items is scored to assess specific areas of greater or lesser impairment.

Adam responded to 11 of the 15 items. His overall MIS's (7.9, 99th percentile) suggests that he perceives severe impairment in functioning. He rated severe impairment related to vocational performance, community activities, friendships, general social functioning, education, and financial management and moderate impairment related to household management, driving, management of daily responsibilities, health maintenance, and self-care. He did not rank: child-rearing responsibilities, sexual functioning, romantic relationships, or home life.

Screen for Adult Anxiety Related Disorders (SCAARED)

Adam completed the SCAARED, a 44-item, self-report measure that screens for generalized anxiety, social anxiety, somatic symptoms of anxiety (or panic), and separation anxiety. His total score of 50 was above the cutoff score (≥ 23) that is indicative of the possible presence of one or more anxiety disorders. Adam rated significant elevations on the subscales for generalized anxiety, social anxiety, and somatic symptoms/panic.

Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)

Adam also completed the PHQ-9, a 9-item, self-report instrument for screening, diagnosing, monitoring, and/or measuring the severity of depression. His total score of 8 is indicative of the presence of mild symptoms of depression.

PTSD Checklist for DCM-5 (PCL-5)

The PCL-5 is a 20-item self-report measure that assesses the presence and severity of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms in the past month. Items on the PCL-5 correspond with DSM-5 criteria for PTSD. Respondents are asked to rate how bothered they have been by each of the items in the past month on a 5-point Likert scale ranging from 0-4. Items are summed to provide a total severity score (range = 0-80). Research suggests that a PCL-5 score between 31-33 is indicative of probable PTSD across samples. Adam's total severity score on this measure was 73, which is well above the cutoff and indicates that he likely meets the criteria for PTSD.

Cognitive Measures

Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence – Second Edition (WASI-II)

		<u>Composite</u>	
	<u>T-Score</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Percentile</u>
Vocabulary	64	Verbal IQ 119	90
Similarities	60	Perceptual IQ 120	91
Block Design	69	Full-4 122	93
Matrix Reasoning	60		

The WASI-II is an abbreviated version of a "full scale IQ test" and is designed to provide a broad screen of intellectual functioning. On this administration, Adam obtained a Full-4 IQ of 122, which falls in the Very High range of overall cognitive ability. This score is a composite of his Verbal Comprehension and Perceptual Reasoning scores of 119 and 120, respectively. His perceptual abilities fell in the Very High range, and his verbal abilities fell in the High Average range. Examining the individual subtests, Adam displayed no relative strengths or weaknesses.

Conners Continuous Performance Test – Third Edition (CPT-3)

Adam was administered the CPT-3. This computerized inventory assesses variables pertaining to an individual's attentiveness, impulsivity, sustained attention, and vigilance. Adam's profile contained one atypical t-scores (out of nine). Specifically, his profile of scores and response pattern gave some indication of inattentiveness, based on his high rate of incorrect responses to non-target items (Commissions).

DSM-5-TR DIAGNOSTIC IMPRESSIONS

- F84.0 Autism Spectrum Disorder, Level 1
Without language impairment
Without intellectual impairment
- F90.2 Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, Combined Presentation
- F41.1 Generalized Anxiety Disorder, with Social Anxiety
- F43.10 Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Adam participated in this evaluation to obtain objective psychological data regarding his mental health functioning. He appeared to give good effort during the cognitive tasks. He also seemed to respond in a candid and reasonable manner during the interview and on most of the norm-referenced inventories, though he responded negatively on the PAI. The accumulated testing data can be considered interpretable, with some caution.

- Regarding test validity, it is emphasized that the following conclusions are based on information obtained solely from Adam. This examiner did not collect collateral information. Therefore, as with any evaluation based on self-reported data, these conclusions and recommendations may be subject to change in the future based on new information.
- The accumulation of testing data indicates that Adam appears to meet the criteria for a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD), level one. Adam rated himself in the moderate or severe range on the overall SRS-2: Self scale and all of the individual scales. Adam described a history of experiencing social-emotional reciprocity, social communication, and friendships in a manner consistent with autism. He also endorsed a history of repetitive/stereotypical speech or behaviors, strongly preferring or needing familiarity and/or adherence to routines and certain ways of doing things, having hyper- or hypo-reactivity to sensory input, having intense, specific interests, and engaging in masking behaviors.
- The accumulation of testing data indicates that Adam meets the criteria for a diagnosis of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), combined presentation. He reported notable concerns indicative of inattention, hyperactivity, impulsivity, and other deficits in executive functioning during his interview. Though he performed well on the CPT-3 in a quiet setting with minimal distractions, his performance still gave some indication of inattention. Adam's report on the surveys and presentation during testing were also consistent with this diagnosis.
 - Adam is encouraged to seek out information regarding the behavioral management of ADHD through readings such as Dr. Russell Barkley's "Taking Charge of Adult ADHD" or through CHADD's National Resource Center on ADHD (<http://www.chadd.org/NRC.aspx>).
- The accumulation of testing data also indicates that Adam appears to meet the criteria for a diagnosis of generalized anxiety disorder, with social anxiety. He endorsed impairment related to elevated anxiety that has been present for years, including associated symptoms of irritability, restlessness and difficulty focusing, disturbed sleep, low energy, and physical tension. He further endorsed significant

social anxiety that leads to avoidance behaviors. His profiles on the norm-referenced inventories were generally consistent with these diagnoses.

- Adam's report during his clinical interview and on the norm-referenced inventories indicates a history of trauma beginning in childhood, as well as a series of acute traumas in January 2025. He reported continued distress due to the cascade of events set in motion by losing his job, including losing friendships and experiencing housing/food insecurity. Adam endorsed symptoms of intrusion and negative alterations in cognition and mood. Overall, he appears to meet the criteria for a diagnosis of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Adam's other difficulties must be viewed through a trauma-sensitive lens, and he will need trauma-focused therapy to address his difficulties.
 - It is also noted that the experience of reaching adulthood with unidentified autism creates a particular type of trauma that creates a cascading impact on someone's perception of the world, their expectations of and ways of relating to others, and their views of themselves and their future.
- Adam's overall cognitive abilities fell in the Very High range on the WASI-II. He demonstrated High Average abilities in Verbal Comprehension and Very High abilities in Perceptual Reasoning.
- Recommendations to address Adam's difficulties are as follows:
 - Adam should review the present evaluation with his primary care provider. These results should be utilized to facilitate treatment planning.
 - Adam is strongly encouraged to resume participating in therapy. If needed, suitable referrals include the providers at Carolina Behavioral Treatment (803-393-5420), Post Trauma Resources (803-765-0700), and LifeStance Health (803-699-8887). These results should be shared with future providers to facilitate case conceptualization and treatment planning.
- Adam may also wish to consider services specifically available for adults with autism, such as those offered and recommended by the SC Autism Society (803-750-6988). He and his loved ones are strongly encouraged to learn as much as possible about ASD through resources such as the book, *NeuroTribes* by Steve Silberman. Resources can be found through the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (<https://autisticadvocacy.org>) such as a free, downloadable book called *Welcome to the Autistic Community*, or through the community found at <https://neurospicycommunity.com>. Another great book for newly diagnosed autistic adults is *Knowing Why: Adult-Diagnosed Autistic People on Life and Autism*, an anthology published by The Autistic Press. Finally, the following guide (from <https://autismwales.org>) provides advice and tips for managing autism in everyday life, from autistic folks: Autism: A Guide for Adults Following Diagnosis

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