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Presley: PSC Charges Six Companies with Alleged No-Call Violations, Possible \$7.4 Million in Fines, Issues Default Judgement Against Violator For \$280,000

Jackson, Mississippi (March 2, 2021) – Today, Commissioner Brandon Presley announced that the Mississippi Public Service Commission has charged six companies with 736 alleged violations of the Mississippi No-Call law.

The PSC's investigation found that these companies made hundreds of illegal calls to Mississippians. Should these entities be found to have violated the No-Call law, they are subject to a combined total of \$7,490,000 in fines. Additionally, the PSC issues a default order against Arrowbridge Holdings for thirty-two violations and a fine of \$280,000.

Notices of alleged violations have been filed against

- Alpha Marketing Group
- Atlantic Auto Protection
- Turnkey Auto, LLC
- Student Loan Financial Assistance
- National Brokers of America
- CS Marketing, LLC

"Illegal telemarketers should know that we take consumer complaints seriously and that we will spare no effort in tracking them down and prosecuting them. While today's announcements center on prosecutions, we also are taking steps in court to order payment of \$280,000 also owed to the state," said Commissioner Presley. "We intend to continue an aggressive effort in our investigations and in the courts to prosecute illegal telemarketers to the fullest extent of the law."

Presley continues to encourage Mississippians to download the PSC's smartphone app, which can be found by searching "PSC No-Call" in the iTunes App Store or Google Play. The app allows citizens to immediately report calls to the PSC from their mobile phones. Also, landline phones can be registered at www.psc.state.ms.us or by calling Commissioner Presley's office at 1-800-637-7722

A charge is an allegation in an enforcement action. The companies involved in this investigation will be afforded all rights of due process of law.



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