

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	Case No. 10-0060-CV-W-FJG
REAL WEALTH, INC., and)	
LANCE MURKIN,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST DEFENDANTS REAL WEALTH,
INC. AND LANCE MURKIN AND ORDER FOR ALL DEFENDANTS TO SHOW CAUSE
WHY A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION SHOULD NOT ISSUE**

Plaintiff, Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”), has filed a Complaint seeking a permanent injunction and other relief, pursuant to Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTC Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 53(b), and a motion for a temporary restraining order pursuant to Rule 65(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

memoranda, declarations, and other submissions of the parties, and finds that:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, and there is good cause to believe it will have jurisdiction over all the parties hereto.

2. Venue in the Western District of Missouri is proper under 15 U.S.C. § 53(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c).

3. There is good cause to believe that Real Wealth, Inc., and Lance Murkin (hereinafter referred to as “Defendants”) have engaged, and are likely to continue to engage, in acts or practices that violate Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and that the FTC is, therefore, likely to prevail on the merits of this action.

4. The evidence set forth in the Commission’s Suggestions in Support of Its Motion for Temporary Restraining Order (“TRO Suggestions”), and the accompanying declarations and exhibits, demonstrates that the Commission is likely to prevail on its claim that Defendants have engaged in deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act by making deceptive representations in connection with their marketing of work-at-home and grant schemes.

5. There is a reasonable likelihood that Defendants will violate Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, in the future unless Defendants are restrained and enjoined by order of this Court.

simply mailing items; and, (3) making false and unsubstantiated claims that purchasers of their grant schemes are likely to receive substantial amounts of money from the government or other sources listed in their guides. An asset freeze as to the Defendants is necessary in order to preserve the possibility of complete and meaningful relief in the form of consumer redress and/or disgorgement at the conclusion of this litigation.

7. Weighing the equities and considering the Commission's likelihood of ultimate success, a temporary restraining order requiring an immediate freeze as to all of the Defendants' assets and an accounting of assets, preserving and producing business records and computers, and providing other equitable relief is in the public interest.

8. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(c) does not require security of the United States or an officer or agency thereof

Corporate Defendant; and b) the Individual Defendant.

4. **“Document”** is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of the

Representatives, whether acting directly or through any entity, corporation, subsidiary, division, affiliate or other device, are **hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined** from:

A. Making, in any manner, expressly or by implication, any false or unsubstantiated representation regarding: (1) the amount of money that consumers may earn working from home; (2) the amount of money that consumers may obtain from any source; and (3) the existence and availability of grants, loans, or government benefits to individual consumers.

B. Falsely representing, expressly or by implication, the work and investment involved in any income-generating opportunity, including but not limited to misrepresentations that: (1) consumers will be paid for simply mailing items; (2) consumers will not pay for supplies, postage, or marketing costs; (3) consumers will not engage in sales; and (4) consumers will not be asked to mail anything objectionable.

II. ASSET FREEZE

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendants and their Representatives are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined, until further order of this Court, from:

A. Transferring, encumbering, selling, concealing, pledging, hypothecating, assigning, spending, withdrawing, disbursing, conveying, gifting, dissipating, or otherwise disposing of any funds, property, coins, lists of consumer names, shares of stock, or other Assets, wherever located, that are (1) owned or controlled by or held for the benefit of, directly or indirectly, any of the Defendants, in whole or in part; (2) owned or controlled by or in the actual or constructive possession of any of the Defendants; (3) held by an agent or service provider of any of the Defendants, as a retainer for the agent's provision of services to a Defendant; or (4) owned, controlled by, or in the actual or constructive possession of, or otherwise held for the benefit of, any corporation,

partnership, or other entity directly or indirectly owned or controlled by any of the Defendants, including, but not limited to, any Assets held by, for, or subject to access by, Defendants, at any bank or savings and loan institution, or with any broker-dealer, escrow agent, title company, commodity trading company, precious metal dealer, or other financial institution or depository of any kind;

B. Opening or causing to be opened any safe deposit boxes titled in the name of any of the Defendants, or subject to access by any of the Defendants;

C. Obtaining a personal or secured loan encumbering the Assets of Defendants;

D. Incurring charges or cash advances on any credit or debit card issued in the name, singly or jointly, of the Corporate Defendants, or any corporation, partnership, or other entity directly or indirectly owned

¹Please refer to exhibits to Document Nu

assignment, removal, withdrawal, disbursement, dissipation, sale, conversion or other disposal of any such account or other Asset, except for transfers or withdrawals authorized by further order of this Court;

B. Deny all persons access to any safe deposit box titled individually or jointly in the name of, or otherwise subject to access by, any of the Defendants;

C. Provide to the FTC, within **seven (7) business days** of notice of this Order, a sworn statement setting forth:

1. the identification of each account or Asset titled in the name, individually or jointly, of any Defendant, or held on behalf of, or for the benefit of, any Defendant;

2. the balance of each account or a description of the nature and value of each Asset as of the close of business on the day notification of this Order is received, and, if the account or Asset has been closed or moved, the balance or value removed, the date on which was removed, and the person or entity to whom it was transferred; and

3. the identification of any safe deposit box titled in the name of, individually or jointly, or subject to access by any of the Defendants;

D. Upon request by counsel for the FTC, promptly provide the FTC with copies of all records or other documentation pertaining to such account or Asset, including but not limited to originals or copies of account applications, account statements, signature cards, checks, drafts, deposit tickets, transfers to and from the accounts, all other debit and credit instruments or slips, currency transaction reports, 1099 forms, and safe deposit box logs.

V. REPATRIATION OF ASSETS

engaging in any other act, directly or indirectly, that results in a determination by a foreign trustee or other entity that a “duress” event has occurred under the terms of a foreign trust agreement until such time that all Assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to Paragraph V of this Order;

B. Notifying any trustee, protector or other agent of any foreign trust or other related entities of either the existence of this Order, or of the fact that repatriation is required pursuant to a court order, until such time that all Assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to Paragraph V of this Order.

VII. CONSUMER REPORTS

or personal income or property tax returns, and 1099 forms since 2004; (6) all correspondence with consumers including but not limited to consumer complaints; and (7) other documents or records of any kind that relate to any Corporate Defendant's or Individual Defendant's business practices. The Commission shall return produced materials pursuant to this Paragraph within thirty (30) days of receipt.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, to the extent they have possession, custody, or control of Documents described above, Defendants shall produce the Documents as they are kept in the usual course of business. Defendants, to the extent they have possession, custody, or control of computer equipment or electronically-stored information described above, shall provide Plaintiff with any necessary means of access to the computer equipment or electronically-stored information, including, but not limited to, computer access codes and passwords.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, Defendants shall, within **forty-eight (48) hours** of service of this Order, complete and serve on counsel for the FTC the "FTC's Electronically Stored Information Statement." **Attachment D** (Doc. No. 3-5)

IX. PRESERVATION OF RECORDS AND TANGIBLE THINGS

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants and their Representatives are hereby enjoined from:

A. Destroying, erasing, mutilating, concealing, altering, transferring, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, directly or indirectly, any documents or records that relate to the business practices, or business or personal finances, of Defendants, or other entity directly or indirectly under the control of Defendants, including but not limited to: any and all computer data and storage media (including, but not limited to, hard drives, DVDs, CD-ROMS, zip disks, floppy disks, punch cards, magnetic tape, backup tapes, and

computer chips) and other documents or records of any kind that relate to the business practices or business or personal finances of the Corporate Defendants or Individual Defendants;

B. Failing to create and maintain books, records, and accounts which, in reasonable detail, accurately, fairly, and completely reflect the incomes, Assets, disbursements, transactions and use of monies by any Defendant or other entity directly or indirectly under the control of any Defendants.

X. DUTY TO DISTRIBUTE ORDER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within **three (3) business days** following this Order, Defendants shall provide a copy of this Order to each of their affiliates, subsidiaries, divisions, sales entities, successors, assigns, officers, directors, employees, independent contractors, client companies, agents, attorneys, spouses and representatives. Within **five (5) business days** following this Order, Defendants shall provide the FTC with an affidavit identifying the names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of the persons and entities that Defendants have served with a copy of this Order in compliance with this provision. Furthermore, Defendants shall not take any action that would encourage officers, agents, directors, employees, salespersons, independent contractors, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns or other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them to disregard this Order or to believe that they are not bound by its provisions.

XI. MONITORING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that agents or representatives of the FTC may contact Defendants or Defendants' agents or representatives directly and anonymously for the purpose of monitoring compliance with Section I of this Order.

XII. PROHIBITION ON RELEASE OF CUSTOMER INFORMATION OR CUSTOMER LISTS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and their Representatives are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing the name, address, telephone number, credit card number, bank account number, e-mail address, or other identifying information of any person who paid money to any of the Defendants at any time prior to the entry of this Order, in connection with the advertising, promotion, offering for sale or sale of any product or service in or affecting commerce; *provided* that Defendants may disclose such identifying information to a law enforcement agency or as required by any law, regulation, or court order.

XIII. NOTIFICATION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Individual Defendant is hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly creating, operating, or exercising any control over any business entity, including any partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship or corporation, without first serving on counsel for the Commission a written statement disclosing the following: (1) the name of the business entity; (2) the address and telephone number of the business entity; (3) the names of the business entity's officers, directors, principals, managers and employees; and (4) a detailed description of the business entity's intended or actual activities.

XIV. SERVICE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ENTITIES OR PERSONS

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order may be served by any means, including facsimile transmission, email, and overnight delivery service, upon any financial institution or other entity or person that may have possession, custody or control

XVI. GENERAL SERVICE OF THIS ORDER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Order may be served by facsimile transmission, personal or overnight delivery, or U.S. Express Mail, by agents and employees of the FTC or any state or federal law enforcement agency or by private process server, on Defendants or any other person or entity that may be subject to any provision of this Order.

XVII. CORRESPONDENCE WITH PLAINTIFF

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the purposes of this Order, all service on and correspondence to the FTC shall be sent via U.S. Express Mail or Federal Express and be addressed to: Lisa W. Schifferle, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room H-288, Washington, DC 20580; Telephone: (202) 326-3377; Facsimile: (202) 326-3395.

XVIII. PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(b) that Defendants shall appear on the 10th day of March **2010**, at 1:00 p.m. at the United States Charles Whittaker Courthouse, Courtroom 7C, 400 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, to show cause, if any there be, why this Court should not enter a preliminary injunction, pending final ruling on the Complaint, against Defendants enjoining them from further violations of the FTC Act and imposing such additional relief as may be appropriate.

XIX. SERVICE OF PLEADING

24, 2010;

B. Plaintiffs shall file any responsive

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Thayer Lindauer, Esq. file a formal Appearance as Counsel upon issuance of this Order, in consideration of his statement to the Court that he will represent both Defendants in this matter.

XXII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for all purposes.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: January 26, 2010
Kansas City, Missouri

S/ FERNANDO J. GAITAN, JR.
Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge