# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION:

Plaintiff.

v. : Civil Action No.: 4:17-cv-00336-ALM

THURMAN P. BRYANT, III,
BRYANT UNITED CAPITAL FUNDING, INC.,
ARTHUR F. WAMMEL,
WAMMEL GROUP, LLC,
CARLOS GOODSPEED a/k/a SEAN PHILLIPS
a/k/a GC d/b/a TOP AGENT ENTERTAINMENT
d/b/a MR. TOP AGENT ENTERTAINMENT,

Defendants,

THURMAN P. BRYANT, JR.,

Relief Defendant.

EMERGENCY MOTION FOR EXPANSION OF RECEIVERSHIP, ASSET FREEZE, PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND ORDER TO MAKE ACCOUNTING

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") files this emergency motion to halt on an ongoing fraudulent securities offering being carried out by Defendant Carlos Goodspeed a/k/a Sean Phillips a/k/a GC d/b/a Top Agent Entertainment d/b/a Mr. Top Agent ("Goodspeed") for \$1.37 million dollars through material misrepresentations and omissions concerning supposed investments in various concerts and celebrity appearances. Goodspeed continues to actively defraud investors—and to violate this Court's asset freeze and receivership orders—by funneling ill-gotten investor funds back to Defendants Thurman P. Bryant, III ("Bryant") and Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc. ("BUCF"; collectively the "Bryant Defendants"). For the reasons stated in the accompanying memorandum of law and evidentiary

appendix in support of this motion, the SEC moves for the following relief.<sup>1</sup>

# A. Expansion of Existing Receivership to Cover Goodspeed

To ensure the eventual return of the assets at issue in this case to their rightful claimants, the SEC moves the Court to expand the existing receivership established in the Court's Amended Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 48] to cover Goodspeed, to grant the Receiver the powers necessary to marshal, possess, conserve, hold, manage, and, operate all assets in the possession, custody, ownership, or control of Goodspeed, pending further order of the Court.

### B. Asset Freeze over Goodspeed

For the purpose of effecting an asset freeze, the SEC further moves the Court for an order restraining and enjoining Goodspeed, along with his agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of the order by personal service or otherwise from, directly or indirectly, making any payment or expenditure of funds, incurring any additional liability (including taking advances on any credit line or account), or effecting any sale, gift, hypothecation, or other disposition of any asset, without first proving to the Court that they possess and will retain sufficient funds or assets to satisfy all claims alleged in the SEC's First Amended Complaint [Dkt. No. 154] or without first posting a bond or surety with the Court sufficient to assure payment of those claims or until further order of this Court.

To give effect to the requested asset freeze, the SEC moves the Court for an order (a) restraining and enjoining any bank, savings and loan association, trust company, broker-dealer,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Court may grant the Commission's requested, emergency relief without an evidentiary hearing. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 43(c), the Court may decide the Motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, deposition excerpts, and/or exhibits. *See, e.g., FSLIC v. Dixon*, 835 F.2d 554, 558-59 (5th Cir. 1987); *E. E. Maxwell Co. v. Arti Decor, Ltd.*, 638 F. Supp. 749, 751 n.3 (N.D. Tex. 1986) (Fitzwater, J.).

or other financial or depository institution that holds an account in the name of or on behalf of Goodspeed from engaging in any transaction in securities (except liquidating transactions) or any disbursements of funds or securities on behalf of Goodspeed unless otherwise ordered by this Court, and (b) directing such persons or entities to identify for SEC counsel and any Receiver appointed in this case all such accounts, including account number, and the nature an amount of all assets held in them.

# C. Interim Accounting By Goodspeed

The SEC further moves the Court for an order requiring Goodspeed to provide an interim accounting, under oath, detailing (a) all monies and other benefits that he received, directly and indirectly, as a result of the activities alleged in the First Amended Complaint, (b) all of Goodspeed's assets wherever they may be located and by whomever they may be held, and (c) all accounts that that Goodspeed held during the period from January 1, 2013 through the date of the accounting.

## D. Preliminary Injunction

The SEC moves the Court for an Order of Preliminary Injunction to restrain and enjoin, immediately and pending final adjudication on the merits, Goodspeed from violating the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws, specifically Section 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(2)], Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5(b)].

## E. Alternative Service of Pleadings and Other Papers

The SEC further moves the Court for an order authorizing service of the orders herein described on any bank, savings and loan association, trust company, broker, dealer, or other

financial or depository institution, either by mail, email, or facsimile, as if such service were personal service on that bank, savings and loan association, trust company, broker-dealer, or other financial or depository institution.

#### CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing facts and for the reasons set forth in its accompanying memorandum of law and evidentiary appendix submitted in support hereof, the SEC respectfully requests that the Count enter orders providing the relief requested.

April 30, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

I hereby certify that on April 27, 2018, I complied with the meet and confer requirement in Local Rule CV-7(h) as to the represented parties. Mark Hill, counsel for Defendant Goodspeed, indicated that Goodspeed is opposed to the relief requested in this motion. Following an extended conference regarding the requested relief, the discussions have conclusively ended in an impasse, leaving an open issue for the court to resolve.

/s/ Jason P. Reinsch
Jason P. Reinsch

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on April 30, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing *Plaintiff's Emergency Motion for Expansion of Receivership, Asset Freeze, Preliminary Injunction, and Order to Make Accounting* with the Clerk of Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notice of electronic filing to all counsel of record who have consented to electronic notification. I further certify that I emailed and mailed by first-class mail the foregoing document and the notice of electronic filing to all non-CM/ECF participants.

/s/ Jason P. Reinsch
Jason P. Reinsch

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Defendants,	· :
THURMAN P. BRYANT, JR.,	· : ·
Relief Defendant.	· : :

# [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO EXPAND RECEIVERSHIP, AND FOR ASSET FREEZE, PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND ORDER TO MAKE ACCOUNTING

This matter came before the Court this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018, on motion of Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("Plaintiff," "Commission," or "SEC") for the issuance of an order granting certain emergency relief (the "Motion").

The SEC seeks orders: (1) expanding the existing receivership in this matter to include Defendant Carlos Goodspeed a/k/a Sean Phillips a/k/a GC d/b/a Top Agent Entertainment d/b/a Mr. Top Agent Entertainment ("Goodspeed"); (2) freezing Goodspeed's assets; (3) preliminarily enjoining Goodspeed from violating the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws; and (4) requiring Goodspeed to provide a sworn accounting. Having considered the SEC's Motion,

supporting memorandum, appendix, declarations, and exhibits thereto, and arguments of counsel, if any, the Court finds:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action and over Goodspeed, and the SEC is a proper party to bring this action seeking the relief sought in its First Amended Complaint [Dkt. No. 154] and in its Motion.
- 2. There is good cause to believe that Goodspeed has engaged, is engaged, and, unless enjoined, will continue to engage, in acts and practices that constitute and will constitute violations of Section 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)(2)] and Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5(b)].
- 3. There is good cause to believe that: (a) Goodspeed used improper and unlawful means to obtain investor funds and assets; (b) Goodspeed misappropriated investor funds and assets for his own personal use and benefit; (c) Goodspeed has inappropriately funneled investor funds to Defendant Thurman P. Bryant, III ("Bryant") in violation of previous orders entered by this Court, including the *Ex Parte* Order Granting Motion for Temporary Restraining Order Preliminary Injunction, Asset Freeze, Appointment of a Receiver, Document Preservation Order, Order to Make Accounting and Other Emergency Relief, and Setting Hearing Date on Plaintiff's Preliminary-Injunction Motion [Dkt. No. 16], Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 17], and the Amended Order Appointing Receiver [Dkt. No. 48]; and (d) investor funds and assets obtained and distributed by Goodspeed, as described in the SEC's First Amended Complaint and in its Motion, have been misapplied and will be misappropriated, hidden, wasted, or otherwise used to the detriment of investors. Furthermore, there is good cause to believe that Goodspeed does not have sufficient funds or assets to satisfy the relief that might be ordered in this action.

- 4. There is good cause to believe that it is necessary to identify quickly all assets in the possession or control of Goodspeed. Thus, an accounting by Goodspeed is appropriate to determine the location and disposition of investor funds obtained and distributed or spent by Goodspeed, and to ascertain the total assets that should continue to be frozen.
- 5. There is good cause to believe, based on the record in these proceedings that expanding the receivership in this action to include Goodspeed is necessary and appropriate for the purposes of marshaling and preserving all of Goodspeed's assets.
  - 6. This proceeding is one in which the SEC seeks a preliminary injunction.
- 7. The Court may grant the SEC's requested, emergency relief without an evidentiary hearing. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 43(c), the Court may decide the Motion on the basis of affidavits, declarations, deposition excerpts, and/or exhibits. *See, e.g., FSLIC v. Dixon*, 835 F.2d 554, 558-59 (5th Cir. 1987); *E. E. Maxwell Co. v. Arti Decor, Ltd.*, 638 F. Supp. 749, 751 n.3 (N.D. Tex. 1986) (Fitzwater, J.).

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

## I. Expansion of Receivership

8. The Court will enter a separate order expanding the receivership to take exclusive jurisdiction and possession of the assets, of whatever kind and wherever situated, of, or under the control of, Goodspeed.

## II. Asset Freeze Order

9. Goodspeed and his officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise are restrained and enjoined from, directly or indirectly, making any payment or expenditure of funds, incurring any additional liability (including, specifically, by advances on any

line of credit and any charges on any credit card), or effecting any sale, gift, hypothecation or other disposition of any asset, pending provision of sufficient proof to the Court of sufficient funds or assets to satisfy all claims alleged in the SEC's First Amended Complaint, or the posting of a bond or surety sufficient to assure payment of any such claim. Further, any bank, trust company, broker-dealer, depository institution, entity, or individual holding accounts or assets for or on behalf of Goodspeed shall make no transactions in assets or securities (excepting liquidating necessary as to wasting assets) and no disbursement of assets or securities (including extensions of credit, or advances on existing lines of credit), including the honor of any negotiable instrument (including, specifically, any check, draft, or cashier's check) purchased by or for Goodspeed, unless otherwise ordered by this Court.

- 10. The SEC may cause a copy of this Order to be served on any bank, trust company, broker-dealer, depository institution, entity, or individual either by United States mail, email, or facsimile as if such service were personal service, to restrain and enjoin any such institution, entity, or individual from disbursing assets, directly or indirectly, to or on behalf of Goodspeed, or any companies or persons or entities under his control.
- 11. Further, any bank, trust company, broker-dealer or other depository institution holding accounts for or on behalf of Goodspeed shall make no transactions in securities (excepting liquidating transactions necessary to prevent wasting of assets) and no disbursements of funds or securities (including extensions of credit, or advances on existing lines of credit), including the honor of any negotiable instrument (including specifically, any check, draft, or cashier's check) purchased by or for Goodspeed pending further order of this Court.

- 12. All other individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and other artificial entities are hereby restrained and enjoined from disbursing any funds, securities, or other property obtained from Goodspeed without adequate consideration.
- 13. All banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, trust companies, broker dealers, commodities dealers, investment companies, other financial or depository institutions and investment companies, individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies or other artificial entities that holds or has held, controls or has controlled, or maintains or has maintained custody of any of Goodspeed's funds, securities or other property at any time since January 1, 2016 shall:
  - A. Prohibit him and all other persons from withdrawing, removing, assigning, transferring, pledging, encumbering, disbursing, dissipating, converting, selling, or otherwise disposing of Goodspeed's Assets, except as directed by further Order of the Court;
  - B. Deny him and all other persons access to any safe deposit box that is: (i) owned, controlled, managed, or held by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of Goodspeed; or (ii) otherwise subject to access by Goodspeed;
  - C. Provide counsel for the Commission and the Receiver appointed in this matter, within five (5) business days of receiving a copy of this Order, a statement setting forth:
    - (i) the identification number of each and every account or other asset owned, controlled, managed, or held by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of Goodspeed;

- (ii) the balance of each such account, or a description of the nature and value of such asset as of the close of business on the day on which this Order is served, and, if the account or other asset has been closed or removed, the date closed or removed, the total funds removed in order to close the account, and the name of the person or entity to whom such account or other asset was remitted; and
- (iii) the identification of any safe deposit box that is owned controlled, managed, or held by, on behalf of, or for the benefit of Goodspeed, or is otherwise subject to access by Goodspeed; and
- D. Upon request by the Commission, or the Receiver appointed in this matter, promptly provide the Commission and the Receiver 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, Internal Revenue Service Form 1099s, and safe deposit box logs.

### **III.** Preliminary Injunction

14. Goodspeed, and his officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are restrained and enjoined, in connection with the purchase or sale of a security, by the use of means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of the facilities of a national securities exchange, from knowingly or recklessly:

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(b) making any untrue statement of material fact or omitting to state a material

fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the

circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

[Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5(b) thereunder [17

C.F.R. § 240.10b-5(b)]].

15. Goodspeed and his officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all

persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Order by

personal service or otherwise are restrained and enjoined from, in the offer or sale of securities,

by the use of means or instruments of transportation or communication in interstate commerce or

by use of the mails, directly or indirectly, from knowingly, recklessly, or negligently

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2. obtaining money or property by means of an untrue statement of a material

fact or an omission to state a material fact necessary in order to make the

statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were

made, not misleading.

[Section 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act [15 U.S.C. § 77q(a)]]

IV. Order to Provide Sworn Accounting

16. Goodspeed is ordered to provide an interim accounting, under oath, detailing (1) all

monies and other benefits which he received, directly and indirectly, as a result of the activities

alleged in the First Amended Complaint or thereafter transferred (including the date on which the

monies or other benefit was received and the name, address and telephone number of the person

paying the money or providing the benefit), (2) all monies and other assets received, directly or

indirectly, from Defendants or Defendants' investors; (3) listing all current assets wherever they may be located and by whomever they are being held (including the name and address of the holder and the amount or value of the holdings) and (4) listing all accounts with any financial or brokerage institution maintained in the name of, on behalf of or for the benefit of Goodspeed (including the name and address of the account holder and the account number) and the amount held in each account at any point during the period from January 1, 2016 through the date of the accounting.

17. The accounting shall be sufficient to permit a full understanding of the flow of funds to Goodspeed from Defendants Bryant and Bryant United Capital Funding ("BUCF"), and from the investors of Defendants Bryant and BUCF, and to their present location to the extent known or within Goodspeed's power to learn. The accounting and all documents reviewed in the course of the preparation thereof or otherwise pertaining thereto shall be delivered by facsimile or overnight courier to Jason Reinsch; Securities and Exchange Commission; Burnett Plaza, Suite 1900; 801 Cherry Street, Unit 18; Fort Worth, Texas 76102 by the deadline set forth above.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION** 

Plaintiff,

Civil Action No.: 4:17cv336

THURMAN P. BRYANT, III, and BRYANT UNITED CAPITAL FUNDING, INC.

Defendants,

ARTHUR F. WAMMEL, WAMMEL GROUP, LLC, THURMAN P. BRYANT, JR., CARLOS GOODSPEED a/k/a SEAN PHILLIPS d/b/a TOP AGENT ENTERTAINMENT d/b/a MR. TOP AGENT ENTERTAINMENT,

Relief Defendants.

# [PROPOSED] SECOND AMENDED ORDER APPOINTING RECEIVER

WHEREAS this matter has come before this Court upon motion of the Plaintiff U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Plaintiff") to appoint a receiver in the above-captioned action; and,

WHEREAS the Court finds that, based on the record in these proceedings, the appointment of a receiver in this action is necessary and appropriate for the purposes of marshaling and preserving all assets of Defendants Thurman P. Bryant, III; Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc.; Arthur F. Wammel; Wammel Group Holdings Partnership; Wammel Group, LLC; and Carlos Goodspeed a/k/a Sean Phillips a/k/a GC d/b/a Top Agent Entertainment d/b/a Mr. Top Agent ("Receivership Assets"); and,

**WHEREAS** this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action and personal jurisdiction over the Defendants and Relief Defendants, and venue properly lies in this district.

# NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. This Court hereby takes exclusive jurisdiction and possession of the assets, of whatever kind and wherever situated, of, or under the control of, the following Defendants:
  - Thurman P. Bryant, III;
  - Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc.;
  - Arthur F. Wammel;
  - Wammel Group Holdings Partnership;
  - Wammel Group, LLC; and
  - Defendant Carlos Goodspeed a/k/a Sean Phillips a/k/a GC d/b/a Top Agent Entertainment d/b/a Mr. Top Agent

(collectively, "Receivership Defendants").

2. Until further Order of this Court, **Jennifer R. Ecklund, Thompson & Knight LLP, Dallas, Texas,** is hereby appointed to serve without bond as receiver (the "Receiver") for the estate of the Receivership Defendants.

### I. Asset Freeze

3. Except as otherwise specified herein, all Receivership Assets are frozen until further order of this Court. Accordingly, all persons and entities with direct or indirect control over any Receivership Assets, other than the Receiver, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly transferring, setting off, receiving, changing, selling, pledging, assigning, liquidating or otherwise disposing of or withdrawing such assets. This freeze shall include, but not be limited to, Receivership Assets that are on deposit with financial institutions such as banks, brokerage firms and mutual funds.

### II. General Powers and Duties of Receiver

- 4. The Receiver shall have all powers, authorities, rights and privileges heretofore possessed by the officers, directors, managers and general and limited partners of the entity Receivership Defendants under applicable state and federal law, by the governing charters, bylaws, articles and/or agreements in addition to all powers and authority of a receiver at equity, and all powers conferred upon a receiver by the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 754, 959 and 1692, and Fed. R. Civ. P. 66.
- 5. The trustees, directors, officers, managers, employees, investment advisors, accountants, attorneys and other agents of the Receivership Defendants are hereby dismissed and the powers of any general partners, directors and/or managers are hereby suspended. Such persons and entities shall have no authority with respect to the Receivership Defendants' operations or assets, except to the extent as may hereafter be expressly granted by the Receiver. The Receiver shall assume and control the operation of the Receivership Defendants and shall pursue and preserve all of their claims.
- 6. No person holding or claiming any position of any sort with the Receivership Defendants shall possess any authority to act by or on behalf of the Receivership Defendants.
- 7. Subject to the specific provisions in Sections III through XIV, below, the Receiver shall have the following general powers and duties:
  - A. To use reasonable efforts to determine the nature, location and value of all property interests of the Receivership Defendants, including, but not limited to, monies, funds, securities, credits, effects, goods, chattels, lands, premises, leases, claims, rights and other assets, together with all rents, profits, dividends, interest or other income attributable thereto, of whatever kind, which the Receivership Defendant owns, possesses, has a beneficial interest in, or controls directly or indirectly ("Receivership Property" or, collectively, the "Receivership Estate");
  - B. To take custody, control and possession of all Receivership Property and records relevant thereto from the Receivership Defendants; to sue for and

- collect, recover, receive and take into possession from third parties all Receivership Property and records relevant thereto;
- C. To manage, control, operate and maintain the Receivership Estates and hold in his possession, custody and control all Receivership Property, pending further Order of this Court:
- D. To use Receivership Property for the benefit of the Receivership Estates, making payments and disbursements and incurring expenses as may be necessary or advisable in the ordinary course of business in discharging his duties as Receiver;
- E. To take any action which, prior to the entry of this Order, could have been taken by the officers, directors, partners, managers, trustees and agents of the Receivership Defendants;
- F. To engage and employ persons in his discretion to assist him in carrying out his duties and responsibilities hereunder, including, but not limited to, accountants, attorneys, securities traders, registered representatives, financial or business advisers, liquidating agents, real estate agents, forensic experts, brokers, traders or auctioneers;
- G. To take such action as necessary and appropriate for the preservation of Receivership Property or to prevent the dissipation or concealment of Receivership Property;
- H. To issue subpoenas for documents and testimony consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:
- I. To bring such legal actions based on law or equity in any state, federal, or foreign court as the Receiver deems necessary or appropriate in discharging his duties as Receiver:
- J. To pursue, resist and defend all suits, actions, claims and demands which may now be pending or which may be brought by or asserted against the Receivership Estates; and,
- K. To take such other action as may be approved by this Court.

### **III.** Access to Information

8. The individual Receivership Defendant and the past and/or present officers, directors, agents, managers, general and limited partners, trustees, attorneys, accountants and employees of the entity Receivership Defendant, as well as those acting in their place, are hereby ordered and directed to preserve and turn over to the Receiver forthwith all paper and electronic

information of, and/or relating to, the Receivership Defendants and/or all Receivership Property; such information shall include but not be limited to books, records, documents, accounts and all other instruments and papers.

- 9. Within ten (10) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Defendants shall file with the Court and serve upon the Receiver and the SEC a sworn statement, listing: (a) the identity, location and estimated value of all Receivership Property; (b) all employees (and job titles thereof), other personnel, attorneys, accountants and any other agents or contractors of the Receivership Defendants; and, (c) the names, addresses and amounts of claims of all known creditors of the Receivership Defendants.
- 10. Within twenty (20) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Defendants shall file with the Court and serve upon the Receiver and the SEC a sworn statement and accounting, with complete documentation, covering the period from January 1, 2010 to the present:
  - A. Of all Receivership Property, wherever located, held by or in the name of the Receivership Defendants, or in which any of them, directly or indirectly, has or had any beneficial interest, or over which any of them maintained or maintains and/or exercised or exercises control, including, but not limited to: (a) all securities, investments, funds, real estate, automobiles, jewelry and other assets, stating the location of each; and (b) any and all accounts, including all funds held in such accounts, with any bank, brokerage or other financial institution held by, in the name of, or for the benefit of any of them, directly or indirectly, or over which any of them maintained or maintains and/or exercised or exercises any direct or indirect control, or in which any of them had or has a direct or indirect beneficial interest, including the account statements from each bank, brokerage or other financial institution;
  - B. Identifying every account at every bank, brokerage or other financial institution: (a) over which Receivership Defendants have signatory authority; and (b) opened by, in the name of, or for the benefit of, or used by, the Receivership Defendants;
  - C. Identifying all credit, bank, charge, debit or other deferred payment cards issued to or used by each Receivership Defendant, including but not limited to the issuing institution, the card or account number(s), all persons or entities to which a card was issued and/or with authority to use a card, the

- balance of each account and/or card as of the most recent billing statement, and all statements for the last twelve months:
- D. Of all assets received by any of them from any person or entity, including the value, location, and disposition of any assets so received;
- E. Of all funds received by the Receivership Defendants, and each of them, in any way related, directly or indirectly, to the conduct alleged in the SEC's Complaint. The submission must clearly identify, among other things, all investors, the securities they purchased, the date and amount of their investments, and the current location of such funds;
- F. Of all expenditures exceeding \$1,000 made by any of them, including those made on their behalf by any person or entity; and
- G. Of all transfers of assets made by any of them.
- 11. Within twenty (20) days of the entry of this Order, the Receivership Defendants shall provide to the Receiver and the SEC copies of the Receivership Defendants' federal income tax returns for taxable years 2010-2017 with all relevant and necessary underlying documentation.
- 12. The Receivership Defendants' past and/or present officers, directors, agents, attorneys, managers, shareholders, employees, accountants, debtors, creditors, managers and general and limited partners, and other appropriate persons or entities shall answer under oath to the Receiver all questions which the Receiver may put to them and produce all documents as required by the Receiver regarding the business of the Receivership Defendants, or any other matter relevant to the operation or administration of the receivership or the collection of funds due to the Receivership Defendants. In the event that the Receiver deems it necessary to require the appearance of the aforementioned persons or entities, the Receiver shall make its discovery requests in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 13. The Receivership Defendants are required to assist the Receiver in fulfilling his duties and obligations. As such, they must respond promptly and truthfully to all requests for information and documents from the Receiver.

### IV. Access to Books, Records and Accounts

- 14. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all assets, bank accounts or other financial accounts, books and records and all other documents or instruments relating to the Receivership Defendants. All persons and entities having control, custody or possession of any Receivership Property are hereby directed to turn such property over to the Receiver.
- 15. The Receivership Defendants, as well as their agents, servants, employees, attorneys, any persons acting for or on behalf of the Receivership Defendants, and any persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise, having possession of the property, business, books, records, accounts or assets of the Receivership Defendants are hereby directed to deliver the same to the Receiver, his agents and/or employees.
- 16. All banks, brokerage firms, financial institutions, and other persons or entities which have possession, custody or control of any assets or funds held by, in the name of, or for the benefit of, directly or indirectly, and of the Receivership Defendants that receive actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise shall:
  - A. Not liquidate, transfer, sell, convey or otherwise transfer any assets, securities, funds, or accounts in the name of or for the benefit of the Receivership Defendants except upon instructions from the Receiver;
  - B. Not exercise any form of set-off, alleged set-off, lien, or any form of self-help whatsoever, or refuse to transfer any funds or assets to the Receiver's control without the permission of this Court;
  - C. Within five (5) business days of receipt of that notice, file with the Court and serve on the Receiver and counsel for the SEC a certified statement setting forth, with respect to each such account or other asset, the balance in the account or description of the assets as of the close of business on the date of receipt of the notice; and,
  - D. Cooperate expeditiously in providing information and transferring funds, assets and accounts to the Receiver or at the direction of the Receiver.

## V. Access to Real and Personal Property

- 17. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all personal property of the Receivership Defendants, wherever located, including but not limited to electronically stored information, computers, laptops, hard drives, external storage drives, and any other such memory, media or electronic storage devices, books, papers, data processing records, evidence of indebtedness, bank records and accounts, savings records and accounts, brokerage records and accounts, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, debentures, and other securities and investments, contracts, mortgages, furniture, office supplies and equipment.
- 18. The Receiver is authorized to take immediate possession of all real property of the Receivership Defendants, wherever located, including but not limited to all ownership and leasehold interests and fixtures. Upon receiving actual notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile transmission or otherwise, all persons other than law enforcement officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties, are (without the express written permission of the Receiver) prohibited from: (a) entering such premises; (b) removing anything from such premises; or, (c) destroying, concealing or erasing anything on such premises.
- 19. In order to execute the express and implied terms of this Order, the Receiver is authorized to change door locks to the premises described above. The Receiver shall have exclusive control of the keys. The Receivership Defendants, or any other person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, are ordered not to change the locks in any manner, nor to have duplicate keys made, nor shall they have keys in their possession during the term of the receivership.
- 20. The Receiver is authorized to open all mail directed to or received by or at the offices or post office boxes of the Receivership Defendants, and to inspect all mail opened prior to

the entry of this Order, to determine whether items or information therein fall within the mandates of this Order.

21. Upon the request of the Receiver, the United States Marshal Service, in any judicial district, is hereby ordered to assist the Receiver in carrying out his duties to take possession, custody and control of, or identify the location of, any assets, records or other materials belonging to the Receivership Estate.

## VI. Notice to Third Parties

- 22. The Receiver shall promptly give notice of his appointment to all known officers, directors, agents, employees, shareholders, creditors, debtors, managers and general and limited partners of the Receivership Defendants, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the operation of the receivership.
- 23. All persons and entities owing any obligation, debt, or distribution with respect to an ownership interest to any Receivership Defendants shall, until further ordered by this Court, pay all such obligations in accordance with the terms thereof to the Receiver and its receipt for such payments shall have the same force and effect as if the Receivership Defendants had received such payment.
- 24. In furtherance of his responsibilities in this matter, the Receiver is authorized to communicate with, and/or serve this Order upon, any person, entity or government office that he deems appropriate to inform them of the status of this matter and/or the financial condition of the Receivership Estates. All government offices which maintain public files of security interests in real and personal property shall, consistent with such office's applicable procedures, record this Order upon the request of the Receiver or the SEC.
- 25. The Receiver is authorized to instruct the United States Postmaster to hold and/or reroute mail which is related, directly or indirectly, to the business, operations or activities of any

of the Receivership Defendants (the "Receiver's Mail"), including all mail addressed to, or for the benefit of, the Receivership Defendants. The Postmaster shall not comply with, and shall immediately report to the Receiver, any change of address or other instruction given by anyone other than the Receiver concerning the Receiver's Mail. The Receivership Defendants shall not open any of the Receiver's Mail and shall immediately turn over such mail, regardless of when received, to the Receiver. All personal mail of the Receivership Defendants, and/or any mail appearing to contain privileged information, and/or any mail not falling within the mandate of the Receiver, shall be released to the named addressee by the Receiver. The foregoing instructions shall apply to any proprietor, whether individual or entity, of any private mail box, depository, business or service, or mail courier or delivery service, hired, rented or used by the Receivership Defendants. The Receivership Defendants shall not open a new mailbox, or take any steps or make any arrangements to receive mail in contravention of this Order, whether through the U.S. mail, a private mail depository or courier service.

26. Subject to payment for services provided, any entity furnishing water, electric, telephone, sewage, garbage or trash removal services to the Receivership Defendants shall maintain such service and transfer any such accounts to the Receiver unless instructed to the contrary by the Receiver.

### VII. Injunction Against Interference with Receiver

- 27. The Receivership Defendants and all persons receiving notice of this Order by personal service, facsimile or otherwise, are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly taking any action or causing any action to be taken, without the express written agreement of the Receiver, which would:
  - A. Interfere with the Receiver's efforts to take control, possession, or management of any Receivership Property; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, using self-help or executing or issuing or causing the execution or issuance of any court attachment, subpoena, replevin,

- execution, or other process for the purpose of impounding or taking possession of or interfering with or creating or enforcing a lien upon any Receivership Property;
- B. Hinder, obstruct or otherwise interfere with the Receiver in the performance of his duties; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, concealing, destroying or altering records or information;
- C. Dissipate or otherwise diminish the value of any Receivership Property; such prohibited actions include but are not limited to, releasing claims or disposing, transferring, exchanging, assigning or in any way conveying any Receivership Property, enforcing judgments, assessments or claims against any Receivership Property or any Receivership Defendants, attempting to modify, cancel, terminate, call, extinguish, revoke or accelerate (the due date), of any lease, loan, mortgage, indebtedness, security agreement or other agreement executed by any Receivership Defendant or which otherwise affects any Receivership Property; or,
- D. Interfere with or harass the Receiver, or interfere in any manner with the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court over the Receivership Estates.
- 28. The Receivership Defendants shall cooperate with and assist the Receiver in the performance of his duties.
- 29. The Receiver shall promptly notify the Court and SEC counsel of any failure or apparent failure of any person or entity to comply in any way with the terms of this Order.

## VIII. Stay of Litigation

30. As set forth in detail below, the following proceedings, excluding the instant proceeding and all police or regulatory actions and actions of the SEC related to the above-captioned enforcement action, are stayed until further Order of this Court:

All civil legal proceedings of any nature, including, but not limited to, bankruptcy proceedings, arbitration proceedings, foreclosure actions, default proceedings, or other actions of any nature involving: (a) the Receiver, in his capacity as Receiver; (b) any Receivership Property, wherever located; (c) the Receivership Defendants, including subsidiaries and partnerships; or, (d) any of the Receivership Defendants' past or present officers, directors, managers, agents, or general or limited partners sued for, or in connection with, any action taken by them while acting in such capacity of any nature, whether as plaintiff, defendant, third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant, or otherwise (such proceedings are hereinafter referred to as "Ancillary Proceedings").

- 31. The parties to any and all Ancillary Proceedings are enjoined from commencing or continuing any such legal proceeding, or from taking any action, in connection with any such proceeding, including, but not limited to, the issuance or employment of process.
- 32. All Ancillary Proceedings are stayed in their entirety, and all Courts having any jurisdiction thereof are enjoined from taking or permitting any action until further Order of this Court. Further, as to a cause of action accrued or accruing in favor of one or more of the Receivership Defendants against a third person or party, any applicable statute of limitation is tolled during the period in which this injunction against commencement of legal proceedings is in effect as to that cause of action.

### IX. Managing Assets

- 33. For each of the Receivership Estates, the Receiver shall establish one or more custodial accounts at a federally insured bank to receive and hold all cash equivalent Receivership Property (the "Receivership Funds").
- 34. The Receiver's deposit account shall be entitled "Receiver's Account, Estate of Thurman P. Bryant, III and Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc." together with the name of the action.
- 35. The Receiver may, without further Order of this Court, transfer, compromise, or otherwise dispose of any Receivership Property, other than real estate, in the ordinary course of business, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the realization of the true and proper value of such Receivership Property.
- 36. Subject to Paragraph 37, immediately below, the Receiver is authorized to locate, list for sale or lease, engage a broker for sale or lease, cause the sale or lease, and take all necessary and reasonable actions to cause the sale or lease of all real property in the Receivership

Estates, either at public or private sale, on terms and in the manner the Receiver deems most beneficial to the Receivership Estate, and with due regard to the realization of the true and proper value of such real property.

- 37. Upon further Order of this Court, pursuant to such procedures as may be required by this Court and additional authority such as 28 U.S.C. §§ 2001 and 2004, the Receiver will be authorized to sell, and transfer clear title to, all real property in the Receivership Estates.
- 38. The Receiver is authorized to take all actions to manage, maintain, and/or wind-down business operations of the Receivership Estates, including making legally required payments to creditors, employees, and agents of the Receivership Estates and communicating with vendors, investors, governmental and regulatory authorities, and others, as appropriate.
- 39. The Receiver shall take all necessary steps to enable the Receivership Funds to obtain and maintain the status of a taxable "Settlement Fund," within the meaning of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code and of the regulations.

### X. Investigate and Prosecute Claims

- 40. Subject to the requirement, in Section VIII above, that leave of this Court is required to resume or commence certain litigation, the Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to investigate, prosecute, defend, intervene in or otherwise participate in, compromise, and/or adjust actions in any state, federal or foreign court or proceeding of any kind as may in his discretion, and in consultation with SEC counsel, be advisable or proper to recover and/or conserve Receivership Property.
- 41. Subject to his obligation to expend receivership funds in a reasonable and costeffective manner, the Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to investigate the manner in
  which the financial and business affairs of the Receivership Defendant were conducted and (after
  obtaining leave of this Court) to institute such actions and legal proceedings, for the benefit and

on behalf of the Receivership Estate, as the Receiver deems necessary and appropriate; the Receiver may seek, among other legal and equitable relief, the imposition of constructive trusts, disgorgement of profits, asset turnover, avoidance of fraudulent transfers, rescission and restitution, collection of debts, and such other relief from this Court as may be necessary to enforce this Order. Where appropriate, the Receiver should provide prior notice to Counsel for the SEC before commencing investigations and/or actions.

- 42. The Receiver hereby holds, and is therefore empowered to waive, all privileges, including the attorney-client privilege, held by the Receivership Defendants.
- 43. The Receiver has a continuing duty to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest between the Receiver, his Retained Personnel (as that term is defined below), and the Receivership Estate.

### XI. Bankruptcy Filing

- 44. The Receiver may seek authorization of this Court to file voluntary petitions for relief under Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") for a Receivership Defendant. If a Receivership Defendant is placed in bankruptcy proceedings, the Receiver may become, and may be empowered to operate each of the Receivership Estates as, a debtor in possession. In such a situation, the Receiver shall have all of the powers and duties as provided a debtor in possession under the Bankruptcy Code to the exclusion of any other person or entity. Pursuant to Paragraph 4 above, the Receiver is vested with management authority for the Receivership Defendant and may therefore file and manage a Chapter 11 petition.
- 45. The provisions of Section VIII above bar any person or entity, other than the Receiver, from placing the Receivership Defendant in bankruptcy proceedings.

## XII. <u>Liability of Receiver</u>

- 46. Until further Order of this Court, the Receiver shall not be required to post bond or give an undertaking of any type in connection with his fiduciary obligations in this matter.
- 47. The Receiver and his agents, acting within scope of such agency ("Retained Personnel") are entitled to rely on all outstanding rules of law and Orders of this Court and shall not be liable to anyone for their own good faith compliance with any order, rule, law, judgment, or decree. In no event shall the Receiver or Retained Personnel be liable to anyone for their good faith compliance with their duties and responsibilities as Receiver or Retained Personnel.
- 48. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over any action filed against the Receiver or Retained Personnel based upon acts or omissions committed in their representative capacities.
- 49. In the event the Receiver decides to resign, the Receiver shall first give written notice to the SEC's counsel of record and the Court of its intention, and the resignation shall not be effective until the Court appoints a successor. The Receiver shall then follow such instructions as the Court may provide.

### XIII. Recommendations and Reports

- 50. The Receiver is authorized, empowered and directed to develop a plan for the fair, reasonable, and efficient recovery and liquidation of all remaining, recovered, and recoverable Receivership Property (the "Liquidation Plan").
- 51. Within thirty (30) days of the entry date of this Order, the Receiver shall file a status report with the Court. The status report will include a summary of receivership activities to date. It will also include a proposed plan for administering the receivership going forward, as well as a proposed deadline by which the Receiver will submit the Liquidation Plan. The Receiver's fees—including all fees and costs for the Receiver and others retained to assist in the administration and liquidation of the Receivership estate—are capped at \$75,000 during the initial

30-day period. Further fee limitations, including capping fees at sixty (60) or ninety (90) days after the entry date of this Order, if any, will be set by the Court after the Receiver submits the first status report.

- 52. Within thirty (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Receiver shall file and serve a full report and accounting of each Receivership Estate (the "Quarterly Status Report"), reflecting (to the best of the Receiver's knowledge as of the period covered by the report) the existence, value, and location of all Receivership Property, and of the extent of liabilities, both those claimed to exist by others and those the Receiver believes to be legal obligations of the Receivership Estates.
  - 53. The Quarterly Status Report shall contain the following:
    - A. A summary of the operations of the Receiver;
    - B. The amount of cash on hand, the amount and nature of accrued administrative expenses, and the amount of unencumbered funds in the estate;
    - C. A schedule of all the Receiver's receipts and disbursements (attached as Exhibit A to the Quarterly Status Report), with one column for the quarterly period covered and a second column for the entire duration of the receivership;
    - D. A description of all known Receivership Property, including approximate or actual valuations, anticipated or proposed dispositions, and reasons for retaining assets where no disposition is intended;
    - E. A description of liquidated and unliquidated claims held by the Receivership Estate, including the need for forensic and/or investigatory resources; approximate valuations of claims; and anticipated or proposed methods of enforcing such claims (including likelihood of success in: (i) reducing the claims to judgment; and, (ii) collecting such judgments);
    - F. A list of all known creditors with their addresses and the amounts of their claims;
    - G. The status of Creditor Claims Proceedings, after such proceedings have been commenced; and,

- H. The Receiver's recommendations for a continuation or discontinuation of the receivership and the reasons for the recommendations.
- 54. On the request of the SEC, the Receiver shall provide the SEC with any documentation that the SEC deems necessary to meet its reporting requirements, that is mandated by statute or Congress, or that is otherwise necessary to further the SEC's mission.

## XIV. Fees, Expenses and Accountings

- 55. Subject to Paragraphs 56-62 immediately below, the Receiver need not obtain Court approval prior to the disbursement of Receivership Funds for expenses in the ordinary course of the administration and operation of the receivership. Further, prior Court approval is not required for payments of applicable federal, state or local taxes.
- 56. Subject to Paragraph 57 immediately below, the Receiver is authorized to solicit persons and entities ("Retained Personnel") to assist him in carrying out the duties and responsibilities described in this Order. The Receiver shall not engage any Retained Personnel without first obtaining an Order of the Court authorizing such engagement.
- 57. Subject to the limitations in Paragraph 56 above, the Receiver and Retained Personnel are entitled to reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estate as described in the "Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission" (the "Billing Instructions") agreed to by the Receiver. Such compensation shall require the prior approval of the Court.
- 58. Within forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Receiver and Retained Personnel shall apply to the Court for compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estates (the "Quarterly Fee Applications"). At least thirty (30) days prior to filing each Quarterly Fee Application with the Court, the Receiver will serve upon counsel for the SEC a complete copy of the proposed Application, together with all exhibits and relevant billing information in a format to be provided by SEC staff.

- 59. All Quarterly Fee Applications will be interim and will be subject to cost benefit and final reviews at the close of the receivership. At the close of the receivership, the Receiver will file a final fee application, describing in detail the costs and benefits associated with all litigation and other actions pursued by the Receiver during the course of the receivership.
- 60. Quarterly Fee Applications may be subject to a holdback in the amount of 20% of the amount of fees and expenses for each application filed with the Court. The total amounts held back during the course of the receivership will be paid out at the discretion of the Court as part of the final fee application submitted at the close of the receivership.
  - 61. Each Quarterly Fee Application shall:
    - A. Comply with the terms of the Billing Instructions agreed to by the Receiver; and,
    - B. Contain representations (in addition to the Certification required by the Billing Instructions) that: (i) the fees and expenses included therein were incurred in the best interests of the Receivership Estate; and, (ii) with the exception of the Billing Instructions, the Receiver has not entered into any agreement, written or oral, express or implied, with any person or entity concerning the amount of compensation paid or to be paid from the Receivership Estate, or any sharing thereof.
- 62. At the close of the Receivership, the Receiver shall submit a Final Accounting, in a format to be provided by SEC staff, as well as the Receiver's final application for compensation and expense reimbursement.