STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF BANKING AND SECURITIES

In the matter of:	ORDER NO: 21-73-C
Alaska Fast Cash Anchorage, LLC AK-C-2034120 NMLS #2034120	FINAL ORDER IMPOSING CIVIL PENALTIES AND CONSENT TO ORDER
Respondent.	,

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Banking and Securities ("Department"), has conducted an investigation into the business activities of Alaska Fast Cash Anchorage LLC ("Respondent") and has determined that Respondent violated certain provisions of AS 06.50 et seq. ("Alaska Deferred Deposit Advances Act") (the "Act").

Respondent wishes to resolve and settle this matter with the Division. As evidenced by the authorized signatures on this Order, Respondent consents to the entry of this Order imposing civil penalties based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law stated in this Order. Respondents waive their right to a hearing under AS 44.62 et seq. (the Alaska Administrative Procedure Act).

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

A. Respondent

1. Respondent Alaska Fast Cash Anchorage, LLC is a limited liability company (entity no. 10032401) organized under the laws of Alaska. The unique identifier assigned to Respondent by the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System ("NMLS") is 2034120. The Respondent is owned by Bryce Coryell who is 50.10% member and Noel Lowe who is 49.90% managing member.

B. Relevant Entities

- 2. Alaska Fast Cash Fairbanks, LLC is a limited liability company (entity no. 135907) organized under the laws of Alaska and is owned by Sandra Lowe. The unique identifier assigned to Alaska Fast Cash Fairbanks, LLC by NMLS is 2034119.
- 3. Alaska Fast Cash, LLC is a limited liability company (entity no. 96022) organized under the laws of Alaska and is owned by Sandra Lowe. The unique identifier assigned to Alaska Fast Cash, LLC by NMLS is 2034118.
- 4. Colem, Inc, doing business as Alaska Check Cashing, is a corporation (entity no. 74712D) organized under the laws of Alaska and is owned by Bryce Coryell (50.1%) and Noel Lowe (49.9%), who are the sole officials of the Corporation. The unique identifier assigned to Colem, Inc. in NMLS is 2034123.
- 5. Respondent, Alaska Fast Cash Fairbanks, LLC, Alaska Fast Cash, LLC, and Colem, Inc. maintain a shared website at https://alaskafastcash.com, which is used to advertise and promote the business under the shared name "Alaska Fast Cash".

C. Conduct

- 6. From November 9, 2015 to December 31, 2023, Respondent Alaska Fast Cash Anchorage, LLC operated as a deferred deposit advance ("DDA") business in Anchorage. Respondent would accept checks from persons seeking an advance, hold the check for a specific period of time before depositing it, and pays to the advance recipient the amount of the check less the charges allowed under the Act.
- 7. The Department first issued DDA License no. 10000943 to Respondent on November 9, 2015. The license was issued for Respondent's business located at 2520 E. Tudor Road in Anchorage, Alaska. Respondent renewed its license for calendar years 2019 and 2020.

8	Respondent's DDA license was due to expire on December 31, 2020. On
August 1	2, 2020, the Department informed the Respondent that DDA licensees must submit
their app	lications electronically through the NMLS. In an e-mail to Respondent, the
Departm	ent requested that Respondent submit a License Transition Application ("LTA") in the
NMLS i	nmediately. Respondent did not submit its application in NMLS.

- 9. On August 27, 2020, the Department informed Respondent by email that Respondent must complete its LTA in NMLS before November 1, 2020, and that if Respondent failed to do so, Respondent would have to apply for a new DDA license. On September 22, 2020, the Department informed Respondent by e-mail that it submitted an incomplete LTA in NMLS and requested Respondent to submit a complete LTA in NMLS.
- 10. On October 9, 2020, the Department reminded Respondent by email that its LTA was incomplete and that it must submit a completed LTA in NMLS before November 1, 2020.
- 11. On October 30, 2020, the Department informed Respondent by e-mail that Respondent had not submitted a completed LTA in NMLS and that, if Respondent failed to do so before November 1, 2020, it would need to apply for a new license.
- 12. On October 30, 2020, the Department informed Respondent by phone that it needed to complete a completed LTA in NMLS before November 1, 2020.
- 13. Respondent did not submit a completed in LTA in NMLS before November 1,2020. Respondent's DDA license expired on December 31, 2020.
- 14. Between January 1, 2021 through February 8, 2021, (the "Relevant Period")
 Respondent made 22 deferred deposit advances without a license. The total principal balance of all 22 advances was \$8,300, with \$1,417.50 in finance charges.

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18. Respondent has cooperated with the Department in its investigation.

in NMLS and issued AK license number AK-C-2034120 and NMLS unique identifier 2034120

- 19. The COVID-19 pandemic and an accident suffered by Respondent's General Manager hindered Respondent's ability to submit its LTA timely.
- 20. On December 31, 2023, Respondent did not submit an application in NMLS to renew its DDA license. Licensee has advised the Department that they have ceased DDA operations in the state.

D. Conduct of Other Entities

21. Alaska Fast Cash Fairbanks, LLC received DDA license 0199000 from the Department in 2011 and unique identifier 2034199 from the NMLS and renewed the license in 2019. Alaska Fast Cash Fairbanks, LLC did not timely renew the license before November 1, 2020, and the license expired on December 31, 2020. Between January 1, 2021 and February 9, 2021, Alaska Fast Cash Fairbanks, LLC made 140 advances without a license. Alaska Fast Cash Fairbanks, LLC does not currently have an active DDA license.

- 22. Alaska Fast Cash, LLC received DDA license 0198717 from the Department in 2007 and unique identifier 2034118 from the NMLS and renewed the license in 2019. Alaska Fast Cash, LLC did not timely renew the license before November 1, 2020, and the license expired on December 31, 2020. Between January 1, 2021 and February 9, 2021, Alaska Fast Cash Fairbanks, LLC made 94 advances without a license. Alaska Fast Cash, LLC does not currently have an active DDA license.
- 23. Colem, Inc., doing business as Alaska Check Cashing, received DDA license 0198716 from the Department in 2013 and unique identifier 2034123 from the NMLS and renewed the license in 2019. Colem, Inc. did not timely renew the license before November 1, 2020, and the license expired on December 31, 2020. Between January 1, 2021 and February 11, 2021, Colem, Inc. made 99 advances without a license. Colem, Inc. does not currently have an active DDA license.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. During the relevant period, Respondent engaged in the business of making and offering deferred deposit advances and violated AS 06.50.010 by making 22 deferred deposit advances without a DDA license.
- 2. Respondent is subject to a civil penalty under AS 06.01.035(g) because it violated AS 06.50.010.

III. CONSENT ORDER

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent must pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,700.00 plus \$600.00 to reimburse the Department for the costs of its investigation, for a total amount of \$4,300.00. This amount is immediately due to the Department.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondent must comply with all provisions of the Alaska Deferred Deposit Advances Act, AS 06.50. Respondent must cease to make, offer, or advertise deferred deposit advances in Alaska unless it applies for a new DDA license from the Department. Respondent must remove all physical signage and online advertisements that offer deferred deposit advances or payday loans unless it obtains a new DDA license from the Department.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that this Consent Order is intended to resolve this matter as to Respondent and settles all pending matters currently known to the Department arising out of the conduct alleged in this order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Department will not initiate further action against Alaska Fast Cash Fairbanks, LLC, Alaska Fast Cash, LLC, and Colem, Inc., doing business as Alaska Check Cashing, for violations arising out of the conduct stated in this order. This Order does not prevent the Department from taking further action against the foregoing entities for violations arising out of conduct not stated in this order. Should the foregoing entities continue to make, offer, or advertise deferred deposit advances in Alaska, the Department reserves the right to take further action.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that if Respondent, chooses to apply for a deferred deposit advance license in the future, management shall be required to show proof of compliance with the company's last report of examination findings before any license would be approved.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Department has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Order pursuant to the Alaska Deferred Deposit Advances Act.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondent waives its right to a hearing and to judicial review of this matter under AS 44.62 et seq. (the Alaska Administrative Procedure Act). Respondent agrees to withdraw its request for a hearing in the above-captioned matter.

08/28/2024 Date , AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, OF COMM

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Julie Sande, Commissioner
Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development

/s/ Robert H. Schmidt Robert H. Schmidt, Director

Division of Banking and Securities

Consent to Entry of Order

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I, <u>Christian Lowe</u>	, state that I am the <u>General Manager</u>		
of Alaska Fast Cash Anchorage, LLC and I am authorized to act on its behalf. I acknowledge			
that I have read the foregoing Order and that I know and fully understand the Order contents;			
that I voluntarily and without any force or du	ress, consent to the entry of this Order; and that		
I am aware of the right to a hearing and judic	ial review in this matter and have waived the		
same.			
For purposes of this Order, I admit to	the jurisdiction of the Department of		
Commerce, Community and Economic Deve	lopment, Division of Banking and Securities		
("Department") and consents to entry of this	Order by the Department as settlement of this		
Order as settlement of the issues contained in	this Order. I admit to violations of the Alaska		
Deferred Deposit Advances Act.			
I understand that the Department reser	rves the right to take further actions to enforce		
this Order or to take appropriate action upon discovery of other violations of the Alaska			
Deferred Deposit Advances Act. Respondent will fully comply with the terms and			
conditions of this Order, the Alaska Deferred	Deposit Advances Act, and the associated		
regulations.			
I understand that this Order is a public	c document and is reportable to NMLS.		
	/s/ Christian Lowe Respondent		
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me	e this <u>14th</u> day of <u>August</u> , 2024.		
NOTARY SEAL	/s/ Janese Mowrer (Signature of Notary Public) State of:Alaska Commission Expires: 10/20/2027		

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF BANKING and SECURITIES 550 WEST SEVENTH AVENUE, SUITE 1850 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501 PHONE: (907) 269-8140

Memorandum of Understanding

I, _	<u>Christian Lowe</u> , state that I a	nm the General Manager	of
Ala	Alaska Fast Cash, LLC and I am authorized to act on its behalf. I acknowledge that I have		
rea	read the foregoing Order and that I know and fully understand that this Order settles any		
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memorandum of understanding voluntarily and without any force or duress.			
	8/14/2024	/s/ Christian Lowe	
Dat	ite	Authorized Representative of Alaska Fast Cash, LLC	
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dated April 28, 2022. I am entering this memorandum of understanding voluntarily and			
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of Examination dated March 15, 2024. I am entering this memorandum of understanding		
voluntarily and without any force or duress.		
Date	/s/ Christian Lowe Authorized Representative of Colem, Inc.	
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