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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
11 SAN JOSE DIVISION

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13 EBAY, INC.,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 DIGITAL POINT SOLUTIONS, INC., SHAWN  
17 HOGAN, KESSLER'S FLYING CIRCUS,  
THUNDERWOOD HOLDINGS, INC.,  
18 TODD DUNNING, DUNNING ENTERPRISE, INC.,  
BRIAN DUNNING, BRIANDUNNING.COM, and  
DOES 1-20,

19 Defendants.  
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CASE NO.: CV-08-4052 JF

**DECLARATION OF TODD  
DUNNING IN SUPPORT OF  
DEFENDANTS TODD DUNNING  
AND DUNNING ENTERPRISE,  
INC.'S MOTION TO STAY  
ACTION PENDING RESOLUTION  
OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

Date: November 20, 2009  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Courtroom 3, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Hon. Jeremy Fogel presiding

1 I, TODD DUNNING, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an individual over the age of eighteen, and am a named defendant in the above-  
3 referenced civil action commenced by e-Bay, Inc. ("Plaintiff"). I have personal knowledge of the  
4 facts set forth herein and I am competent to testify to these facts.

5 2. I was a general partner in Kessler's Flying Circus ("KFC") until December 27, 2006.  
6 Thereafter, Dunning Enterprise, Inc. ("DEI") became a general partner in my place. My wife and I are  
7 the only shareholders and officers of DEI. DEI was not involved in the operations of KFC, but only  
8 held an ownership interest as a general partner. My wife was not involved in DEI in its role as a  
9 general partner in KFC. After December 27, 2006, the partners of KFC were DEI and my brother  
10 Brian Dunning's company, Thunderwood Holdings, Inc.

11 3. KFC filed a federal partnership tax return in 2007 and provided Form K-1s to the  
12 partners who were Thunderwood Holdings, Inc. and DEI. KFC stated in its partnership tax return that  
13 its business address was 15 High Bluff, Laguna Niguel, California 92677, which is also Brian  
14 Dunning's home address. DEI has never had any documents relating to KFC's business.

15 4. Plaintiff eBay, Inc. commenced this action on August 25, 2008, and filed its Second  
16 Amended Complaint ("SAC") on March 26, 2009. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Second  
17 Amended Complaint is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A.

18 5. On June 18, 2007, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") conducted an interview  
19 of me at my personal residence located in Aliso Viejo, California, regarding the topics referenced in  
20 Plaintiff's Second Amended Complaint. The FBI was interested in issues such as "forcing cookies,"  
21 "forcing clicks," "inflating traffic", the function of "links" and "widgets," and the direction of internet  
22 traffic to the eBay website through KFC's services relating to Commission Junction, Inc. and eBay.  
23 The FBI did not request or receive any documents during this interview.

24 6. I also understand that the FBI served a search warrant on my brother, Brian Dunning,  
25 at which time they seized, itemized, and removed all computer equipment in his home including all  
26 computers, disk drives, hard drives, cell phones and servers. I also have been informed in the course  
27 of this litigation that the FBI seized electronically-stored documents at Rackspace US, Inc. I have  
28 been informed that these seized items contained, among other things, all the business records and



1 other documents of KFC, although I do not know from my personal knowledge the contents or  
2 ownership of the seized documents. I have been informed in the course of this litigation that I am not  
3 authorized to access records stored at Rackspace US, Inc.

4 7. All business records and other documents of KFC were maintained at its principal  
5 place of business which was Brian Dunning's home. I did not independently maintain any business  
6 records of KFC and do not have possession, custody or control of such documents. I have been  
7 informed that all business records and other documents of KFC were seized by the FBI from Brian  
8 Dunning's home or from Rackspace US, Inc. I do not have possession, custody or control of any  
9 records seized by the FBI, and I do not have copies of the records seized. Other than the documents  
10 that have already been produced to eBay in this case, neither DEI nor I have possession, custody or  
11 control of any business records or other documents, in hard copy or electronic form, of KFC.

12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is  
13 true and correct.

14 Executed this 5 day of October, 2009, at Aliso Viejo, California.

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**SAN JOSE DIVISION**

EBAY INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

DIGITAL POINT SOLUTIONS, INC.,  
 SHAWN HOGAN, KESSLER'S  
 FLYING CIRCUS, THUNDERWOOD  
 HOLDINGS, INC., TODD DUNNING,  
 DUNNING ENTERPRISE, INC., BRIAN  
 DUNNING, BRIANDUNNING.COM,  
 and DOES 1 - 10 and 12 - 20,

Defendants.

Case No. CV 08-4052 JF (PVT)

**SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT  
 FOR**

- (1) Violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1030
- (2) Violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c)
- (3) Fraud
- (4) Violations of California Pen. Code § 502
- (5) Restitution and Unjust Enrichment
- (6) California B&P Code § 17200;

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

For its Second Amended Complaint, Plaintiff eBay Inc. alleges as set forth below. The factual allegations set forth herein have evidentiary support or, to the extent they are contained in a paragraph made on information and belief, likely will have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

**PARTIES**

1. At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff eBay Inc. ("eBay") was a corporation

1 organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of  
2 business in the State of California.

3 2. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that at all times  
4 relevant herein Defendant Digital Point Solutions, Inc. ("Digital Point Solutions") was a  
5 California corporation, sole proprietorship or other business entity, doing business in the  
6 State of California. At various times relevant herein, Defendant Digital Point Solutions  
7 may also have been known as and/or done business as "Data Point Solutions," "Digital  
8 Point Solutions," and/or "Digital Point." Digital Point Solutions has succeeded to the  
9 obligations and liabilities of any and all of such predecessor entities. At all times relevant  
10 herein, Defendant Digital Point Solutions represented itself and held itself out to eBay as  
11 an independent business entity with legal status separate from that of its individual  
12 owner(s).

13 3. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that at all times  
14 relevant herein Defendant Shawn Hogan was an individual residing and doing business in  
15 the State of California and was the sole owner and/or sole proprietor of Defendant Digital  
16 Point Solutions in any and all of its incarnations.

17 4. Defendants Digital Point Solutions and Shawn Hogan will be collectively  
18 referred to herein as "DPS."

19 5. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that at all times  
20 relevant herein Defendant Kessler's Flying Circus was a California general partnership  
21 doing business in the State of California.

22 6. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that at all times  
23 relevant herein Defendant Thunderwood Holdings, Inc. was a California corporation and  
24 was a general partner of Defendant Kessler's Flying Circus.

25 7. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that at all times  
26 relevant herein Defendant Brian Dunning was an individual residing and doing business in  
27 the State of California and was the sole owner of Defendant Thunderwood Holdings, Inc.

28 8. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that at all times

1 relevant herein Dunning Enterprise, Inc., previously substituted for the fictitiously named  
2 defendant Doe 11, was a California corporation doing business in the State of California  
3 and was a general partner of Defendant Kessler's Flying Circus.

4 9. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that at all times  
5 relevant herein Defendant Todd Dunning was an individual residing and doing business in  
6 the State of California and was either a general partner of Defendant Kessler's Flying  
7 Circus or held a controlling interest in Dunning Enterprise, Inc., which was a general  
8 partner of Defendant Kessler's Flying Circus.

9 10. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that at all times  
10 relevant herein Defendant BrianDunning.com was a website and/or business entity  
11 through which Defendants Brian Dunning and/or Todd Dunning committed some or all of  
12 the acts alleged herein.

13 11. Defendants Kessler's Flying Circus, Thunderwood Holdings, Inc., Dunning  
14 Enterprise, Inc., BrianDunning.com, Brian Dunning, and Todd Dunning will be  
15 collectively referred to herein as "KFC."

16 12. eBay is ignorant of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein  
17 as Does 1 through 10 and 12 through 20, inclusive, and therefore sues said defendants by  
18 such fictitious names. eBay will amend this complaint to allege the true names and  
19 capacities of said defendants when they are ascertained. eBay is informed and believes  
20 and, on that basis, alleges that each of the fictitiously named defendants is responsible in  
21 some manner to pay the obligations described herein, and that eBay's losses as alleged  
22 herein were proximately caused by said defendants' conduct.

23 13. Unless otherwise specified, DPS, KFC and Does 1-10 and 12-20 will be  
24 referred to collectively herein as "Defendants."

25 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

26 14. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331  
27 and 1367.

28 15. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)(1),

1 1391(b)(2) and 1391(c), and 18 U.S.C. § 1965(a).

2 16. Pursuant to the User Agreements entered into by DPS and KFC, as  
3 discussed in paragraph 26 *infra*, they have consented to the jurisdiction of and venue in  
4 the Northern District of California. Specifically, under the User Agreements, the  
5 Defendants have agreed that any claim or controversy at law or equity that arises out of  
6 this Agreement or eBay's services must be resolved by a court located in Santa Clara  
7 County, California.

8 **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

9 17. Assignment to the San Jose Division is proper pursuant to Local Rules 3-  
10 2(c) and (e) because a substantial part of the events or omissions that give rise to eBay's  
11 claim occurred in San Jose, Santa Clara County, California. eBay's corporate  
12 headquarters are located in San Jose, Santa Clara County, California, and Defendants'  
13 wrongful actions were specifically and purposefully directed at and intended to affect  
14 eBay in San Jose, Santa Clara County, California as discussed in detail below.

15 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

16 **eBay's Affiliate Marketing Program**

17 18. eBay offers to the public an online marketplace that enables trade on a local,  
18 national and international basis. Through eBay's website, sellers may list items for sale  
19 and buyers may bid on and purchase items of interest. eBay earns revenue when a seller  
20 places an item for sale and when the item is sold. eBay may also earn revenue depending  
21 on various features selected by the seller, *e.g.*, listing upgrades and photo displays.

22 19. eBay's Affiliate Marketing Program is designed to increase traffic to eBay's  
23 website through the placement of advertisements for eBay on third-party websites. eBay  
24 seeks to increase traffic to its site so that more people will be exposed to eBay's service  
25 and begin using eBay to buy or sell goods, thereby generating revenue for eBay. The  
26 persons and entities that advertise on behalf of eBay—whether on their own sites or on  
27 sites of other third parties—are known as “affiliates.” eBay's Affiliate Marketing  
28 Program is intended to compensate affiliates only when the advertisement in question



1 causes a user to take some action at eBay's site that directly provides revenue to eBay or  
2 indicates that the new user is likely to take such an action in the future. Accordingly,  
3 affiliates earn commissions payable by eBay under the Affiliate Marketing Program when  
4 the following sequence of events occurs: (1) the affiliate publishes an eBay advertisement,  
5 (2) a user clicks on the eBay advertisement and is directed to eBay's website (the  
6 "Referred Visit"), and (3) that user subsequently engages in a commission-generating  
7 event (a "Revenue Action"). Revenue Actions, include, by way of example: (1) becoming  
8 a new, registered user of eBay within 30 days of the Referred Visit, or (2) purchasing an  
9 item from a third-party seller on eBay within seven days of the Referred Visit. Because  
10 compensation to the affiliate is tied to actions by the user, it is essential that eBay be able  
11 to determine whether a Revenue Action occurred by virtue of the fact that the user was  
12 referred to eBay by a particular affiliate's advertisement. eBay and/or Commission  
13 Junction, Inc. ("CJ") tracks this information using information placed in the new user's  
14 browser, as discussed below.

15 20. At all relevant times, eBay used the services of CJ, a subsidiary of  
16 ValueClick, Inc., in administering the Affiliate Marketing Program. The relationship  
17 between eBay and CJ was governed at all relevant times by various Advertiser Service  
18 Agreements. Under those agreements, CJ was responsible for, among other things,  
19 recruiting affiliates, tracking affiliate traffic, monitoring compliance by affiliates,  
20 preventing and detecting fraudulent activity, and paying affiliates using funds remitted by  
21 eBay.

22 21. eBay's obligation to pay commissions is tracked by matching a user's  
23 Revenue Actions on eBay's site to the affiliate that directed the user to eBay. This  
24 tracking is accomplished through the use of a digital tag called a "cookie" that is stored in  
25 the user's web browser. Cookies are collections of data commonly used by websites to  
26 store and associate useful information with a given user. Cookies typically store  
27 information such as usernames, passwords, and user preferences for a particular user; that  
28 information makes it more efficient for users to access web pages and provides a means

1 for websites to track and authenticate users. Cookies are placed or “dropped” in a user’s  
2 browser by a website when that user visits the website.

3 22. In the case of eBay’s Affiliate Marketing Program, cookies are used to  
4 confirm that a user was directed to eBay from a specific affiliate. When a user clicks on  
5 an affiliate advertisement and is directed to eBay’s site, eBay’s site drops a cookie on the  
6 user’s computer. That cookie identifies the site that referred the user to eBay and/or the  
7 specific affiliate responsible for directing the traffic to eBay. If the user later engages in a  
8 Revenue Action within the specified time period, eBay and/or CJ determines—based on  
9 the data in the cookie—which affiliate, if any, should be credited with the referral and  
10 receive the commission. If cookies from multiple affiliates are present on the user’s  
11 computer, the affiliate identified in the most recent cookie dropped is credited with the  
12 Revenue Action. If there is no qualifying cookie on the computer, then no affiliate is  
13 credited. A substantial number of the Revenue Actions taken at eBay’s site are taken by  
14 users who were not referred to eBay by any affiliate; consequently, no commission is  
15 owed for those actions.

16 23. As part of the services it renders with respect to eBay’s Affiliate Marketing  
17 Program, CJ pays affiliates on a periodic basis (usually monthly), with funds remitted by  
18 eBay, based on the number of Revenue Actions taken by users referred by those affiliates.

19 The Fraudulent “Cookie Stuffing” Schemes

20 24. “Cookie stuffing” is a term used to describe the forced placement of a  
21 cookie on a computer, typically by causing a cookie from a particular website to be placed  
22 on the user’s computer without the user knowing that he or she visited the website that  
23 placed the cookie. DPS and KFC engaged in cookie stuffing intended to defraud eBay.  
24 The allegations made on eBay’s information and belief set forth in paragraphs 25-34, 37-  
25 41, and 47-60 below describing Defendants’ cookie stuffing schemes are based on eBay’s  
26 analysis of the Defendants’ websites and/or technology and the way in which a user’s web  
27 browser interacts with Defendants’ sites and/or technology, and on eBay’s analysis of  
28 historical data relating to traffic purportedly driven to eBay by Defendants. Certain other

1 details regarding Defendants' cookie stuffing schemes are exclusively within Defendants'  
2 control.

3 25. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that DPS and KFC  
4 each accomplished their cookie stuffing through software programs and/or code that,  
5 unbeknownst to the user, redirected the user's computer to the eBay website without the  
6 user actually clicking on an eBay advertisement link, or even becoming aware that they  
7 had left the page they were previously viewing. As a result, the eBay site would be  
8 prompted to drop an eBay cookie on the user's computer even though the user never  
9 clicked on an eBay advertisement or even realized that their computer had ever visited the  
10 eBay site. DPS and KFC stuffed a large number of Internet users, with the expectation  
11 and intention that some subset of those users would later come to eBay and take a  
12 Revenue Action.

13 26. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that the software  
14 programs utilized by each of DPS and KFC caused the user's computer to access eBay's  
15 computers in an unauthorized way and/or to exceed the authorized access to eBay's  
16 computers. Because DPS and KFC caused this access through and without the knowledge  
17 or active participation of those users, the access of any such user's computer to eBay's site  
18 is attributable to DPS and KFC. The only authorization given to the Defendants to access  
19 eBay's site in any manner was by way of eBay's User Agreement. The User Agreement  
20 was explicitly agreed to by the individual Defendants when they became registered eBay  
21 users on the following dates: Shawn Hogan on May 17, 1999; Brian Dunning on  
22 November 10, 2000; and Todd Dunning on May, 21, 2003. The remaining named  
23 Defendants, Digital Point Solutions, Kessler's Flying Circus, Thunderwood Holdings,  
24 Inc., Dunning Enterprise, Inc. and BrianDunning.com, were on constructive and/or actual  
25 notice that the User Agreement governed their access to eBay's website, based on the  
26 explicit agreement of their owners/principals to the terms of the User Agreement, as well  
27 as eBay's display on its website at all relevant times of the statement that use of the  
28 website constitutes acceptance of the User Agreement. Defendants' access to eBay was

1 unauthorized by, and violated, the terms of the User Agreement because it occurred solely  
2 to force the dropping of the eBay cookie and thereby wrongfully access eBay's computer  
3 servers. Each of the causes of action set forth herein arises out of those violations of the  
4 User Agreement.

5 27. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that once the  
6 cookie was stuffed on the user's computer by one or more of the Defendants, any future  
7 Revenue Actions initiated by that user when the user later visited eBay intentionally, and  
8 not as a result of any advertisement placed by Defendants, appeared to be eligible for  
9 commissions payable to one of the Defendants (provided those actions took place within  
10 the prescribed periods of time). Hence DPS or KFC would receive payment for actions by  
11 users who had not been referred to eBay by Defendants' advertisements, thereby injuring  
12 eBay.

13 28. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that after DPS  
14 and KFC independently began their cookie stuffing schemes, they communicated with  
15 each other regarding those cookie stuffing schemes. Those communications between  
16 DPS and KFC included, but were not limited to attempts by KFC to improve its  
17 software and/or otherwise improve the effectiveness of its cookie stuffing scheme in  
18 order to increase the amount of commissions that KFC could fraudulently obtain from  
19 eBay, as well as efforts by DPS to prevent detection of the DPS cookie stuffing  
20 scheme by eBay.

21 29. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that DPS and KFC  
22 used certain technological measures to prevent eBay from discovering their wrongdoing.  
23 At certain relevant times DPS and KFC used technology or technologies that would stuff  
24 cookies on only those computers that had not been previously stuffed by that Defendant.  
25 The purpose of this action was to avoid discovery by eBay and/or CJ of evidence of  
26 stuffing—e.g., by directly observing repeated stuffing to a test computer, by discovering  
27 that a single user had multiple cookies pointing to the same affiliate or by discovering that  
28 there was an abnormal ratio of cookies placed by DPS and KFC to the Revenue Actions

1 attributable to users referred by DPS and KFC—and thereby conceal the schemes from  
2 eBay's and/or CJ's monitoring activities. In addition, at certain relevant times DPS and/or  
3 KFC used technology that would avoid stuffing cookies on computers that appeared to be  
4 geographically located in San Jose, California (the location of eBay's headquarters) or  
5 Santa Barbara, California (the location of CJ's headquarters). The purpose of this action  
6 was to evade efforts by eBay and/or CJ to detect the cookie stuffing mechanism if they  
7 attempted to observe the wrongdoing from their normal places of business.

8         30. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that DPS also used  
9 at least one additional technological measure to conceal its wrongdoing: DPS used  
10 images placed on web pages to effectuate its cookie stuffing scheme, and caused those  
11 images to be so small that they were effectively invisible to the user and, accordingly,  
12 difficult to detect.

13         31. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that KFC also used  
14 at least one additional technological measure to conceal its wrongdoing: KFC used  
15 JavaScript code contained in web pages to effectuate its cookie stuffing scheme, and  
16 purposefully obscured the purpose and effect of that code so that, even when that code  
17 was discovered, it was difficult to determine its actual effect. This caused KFC's cookie  
18 stuffing to be difficult to detect, whether by human or machine efforts.

19         32. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that in addition to  
20 these technological measures, DPS and KFC each actively sought to prevent detection by  
21 eBay and CJ by explicitly denying to eBay and/or CJ that any wrongdoing had occurred.  
22 For example, when Shawn Hogan was contacted by CJ in connection with suspicions of  
23 cookie stuffing by DPS, he attributed the suspicious activity to "coding errors," which he  
24 later purported to have "corrected." Brian Dunning also gave false information to eBay in  
25 response to questions about unusual activity regarding his account. Additional false  
26 statements intended to conceal the cookie stuffing activity are set forth below in paragraph  
27 60 and are incorporated herein.

28         33. As a result of the cookie stuffing schemes employed by DPS and KFC, DPS

1 and KFC accessed eBay's servers millions of times in an unauthorized manner that  
2 violated the User Agreement and interfered with the proper working of those computers.  
3 The majority of those acts of unauthorized access did not cause the improper payment of a  
4 commission and did not involve the performance by CJ of any obligations under any  
5 contract it had with any of the parties to this action. A minority, but economically  
6 significant, of those acts of unauthorized access caused eBay to pay commissions (via CJ)  
7 to each of DPS and KFC for a substantial number of Revenue Actions that were in no way  
8 related to the legitimate referral of any user by either DPS's or KFC's advertisements and  
9 for which neither DPS nor KFC were due compensation.

10 34. On January 4, 2008, CJ filed an action against Defendants Kessler's Flying  
11 Circus, Brian Dunning and Todd Dunning for breach of contract and other claims based  
12 on KFC's cookie stuffing scheme perpetrated against eBay. CJ sought to recoup  
13 commissions it had paid to those Defendants for the month of May 2007, after eBay  
14 discovered KFC's cookie stuffing scheme and refused to reimburse CJ for the unearned  
15 commissions it had paid to those Defendants for the previous month. CJ's action was  
16 recently settled on undisclosed terms, and a request for dismissal has been filed. eBay  
17 was not a party to CJ's action, and had no opportunity to litigate any issue in the CJ  
18 action. eBay does not seek recovery through this litigation of any of the monies sought by  
19 CJ through its now-settled litigation against Defendants Kessler's Flying Circus, Brian  
20 Dunning and Todd Dunning.

21 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **(Violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1030)**

23 35. eBay realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through  
24 34, inclusive, and incorporates them by reference herein.

25 36. Through their cookie stuffing schemes as described above, DPS and KFC  
26 each knowingly, intentionally and with intent to defraud accessed eBay's computers  
27 without authorization and/or exceeded their authorized access to eBay's computers in  
28 order to further their fraudulent schemes.



1           37.   DPS's and KFC's access of eBay's computers was unauthorized because the  
2 only purpose of that access was to defraud eBay. In addition, Defendants' access of  
3 eBay's computers was unauthorized and/or exceeded their authorized access, because  
4 each Defendant was a registered eBay user and/or was bound by the eBay User  
5 Agreement in effect at the time, as set forth in paragraph 26 above. The User Agreements  
6 that bound each of the Defendants were substantially similar. The User Agreements (a)  
7 prohibited the use of any "device, software or routine" to interfere with or attempt to  
8 interfere with the proper working of the eBay site or any activities conducted on the eBay  
9 site, and (b) required compliance with all applicable laws regarding the use of eBay's  
10 servers.

11           38.   The User Agreements were the only basis on which any Defendant had  
12 authorization to access eBay's site. No agreement entered into by any Defendant in  
13 connection with eBay's Affiliate Marketing Program, including but not limited to any  
14 Publisher Service Agreement that may have been entered into between CJ and one or  
15 more of Defendants and/or any Terms and Conditions of the Affiliate Marketing Program  
16 agreed to by one or more of Defendants, provides for or in any way contemplates such  
17 access. The User Agreements therefore govern and control any access to eBay's site,  
18 whether authorized or unauthorized, by Defendants. Defendants, through their cookie  
19 stuffing schemes, violated those User Agreements by accessing eBay's computers without  
20 authorization and/or exceeded the authorized access granted to them by the User  
21 Agreements.

22           39.   Upon information and belief, Defendants' access to eBay's computers that  
23 was either unauthorized or exceeded the authorization granted by the User Agreements  
24 did not always result in a commission being paid to any Defendant (for example, where a  
25 user, after having a cookie stuffed on his or her computer by one of Defendants, did not  
26 subsequently take any Revenue Action). In other cases, Defendants' access to eBay's  
27 computers that was unauthorized or exceeded the authorization granted by the User  
28 Agreements resulted in commissions being paid to Defendants for Revenue Actions

1 initiated by users that Defendants did not refer to eBay, which were in no way related to  
2 Defendants' advertisements, and for which Defendants were due no compensation. In  
3 both instances, Defendants' access caused harm to eBay's computers and caused damage  
4 and loss to eBay within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 1030, regardless of whether any  
5 commission was later paid to Defendants for any particular act of cookie stuffing.

6 40. Upon information and belief, through their unauthorized access, Defendants  
7 DPS and DOES 1-10 caused harm and damage to eBay's computers including, but not  
8 limited to, impairment of the integrity of eBay's data, and caused loss to eBay including,  
9 but not limited to, costs incurred by eBay in responding to and conducting an assessment  
10 of the damage caused by these Defendants' cookie stuffing scheme. Through their  
11 unauthorized access, Defendants DPS and DOES 1-10 also caused damage and loss to  
12 eBay as a result of commissions being wrongfully paid to those Defendants. The loss to  
13 eBay that resulted from the unauthorized access by Defendants DPS and DOES 1-10 was  
14 incurred in each year from at least December 2003 through June 2007, and totaled more  
15 than \$5,000 in at least the one-month period ending June 30, 2007.

16 41. Upon information and belief, through their unauthorized access, Defendants  
17 KFC and DOES 12-20 caused harm and damage to eBay's computers including, but not  
18 limited to, impairment of the integrity of eBay's data, and caused loss to eBay including,  
19 but not limited to, costs incurred by eBay in responding to and conducting an assessment  
20 of the damage caused by these Defendants' cookie stuffing scheme. Through their  
21 unauthorized access, Defendants KFC and DOES 12-20 also caused damage and loss to  
22 eBay as a result of commissions being wrongfully paid to those Defendants. The loss to  
23 eBay that resulted from the unauthorized access by Defendants KFC and DOES 12-20  
24 was incurred in each year from at least December 2004 through June 2007, and totaled  
25 more than \$5,000 in at least the one-year period ending in June 2007.

26 42. eBay's computers are used in interstate and foreign commerce.

27 43. DPS's and KFC's actions, whether or not they resulted in the payment of  
28 any commissions to them, constitute violations of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18



1 U.S.C. § 1030, including but not limited to §§ 1030(a)(4), 1030(a)(5)(B) and  
2 1030(a)(5)(C).

3 44. WHEREFORE, eBay prays for judgment against each of DPS and KFC, as  
4 more fully set forth below.

5 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **(Violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c))**

7 45. eBay realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through  
8 44, inclusive, and incorporates them by reference herein.

9 46. Defendants Shawn Hogan's, Brian Dunning's, and Todd Dunning's  
10 unlawful, tortious and otherwise actionable conduct constitutes violations of 18 U.S.C. §  
11 1962(c).

12 47. Defendant Shawn Hogan and DOES 1-10 (the "Hogan Group") engaged in  
13 activities through the company Digital Point Solutions. Digital Point Solutions has been  
14 in existence as a business entity since at least 1999. On information and belief, based on  
15 information provided on the company's website, from 1999 to the present, Digital Point  
16 Solutions has had at least four employees, including owner, President, CEO and Senior  
17 Systems Analyst Shawn Hogan, Vice President and Staff Systems Analyst R. Robin  
18 Quasebarth, Associate System Analyst Richard L. Crook, and Sales Representative D.  
19 Shawn Callahan. On information and belief, based on information provided on the  
20 company's website and information provided to an eBay employee by Defendant Shawn  
21 Hogan, at various times Digital Point Solutions also had other employees as well as a  
22 group of "volunteers" who provided services to Digital Point Solutions. Digital Point  
23 Solutions was incorporated on and/or before May 14, 2007. At all times relevant herein,  
24 Digital Point Solutions constituted an enterprise under RICO.

25 48. At all times relevant herein, through Digital Point Solutions, the Hogan  
26 Group associated with each other and others for the common purpose of causing millions  
27 of computers to access eBay's servers to defraud eBay of commission fees by designing  
28 and implementing the cookie stuffing scheme described above. Upon information and

1 belief, the Hogan Group's activities were ongoing, and Digital Point Solutions functioned  
2 as a continuing unit in operating the fraudulent cookie stuffing scheme from  
3 approximately December 2003 through June 2007.

4 49. Defendants Brian Dunning, Todd Dunning and DOES 12-20 (the "Dunning  
5 Group") engaged in activities through the companies Kessler's Flying Circus,  
6 Thunderwood Holdings, Inc., Dunning Enterprise, Inc., and BrianDunning.com, and each  
7 company constitutes a RICO enterprise. Through Kessler's Flying Circus, Thunderwood  
8 Holdings, Inc., Dunning Enterprise, Inc., and BrianDunning.com, the Dunning Group  
9 associated with each other and others for the common purpose of defrauding eBay of  
10 commission fees by designing and implementing the cookie stuffing scheme described  
11 above. Upon information and belief, the Dunning Group's activities were ongoing, and  
12 Kessler's Flying Circus, Thunderwood Holdings, Inc., Dunning Enterprise, Inc. and  
13 BrianDunning.com functioned individually, and with each other, as continuing units in  
14 operating the fraudulent cookie stuffing scheme from approximately December 2004  
15 through June 2007.

16 50. The members of the Hogan Group and Dunning Group each committed  
17 multiple violations of the predicate act of mail and wire fraud, 18 U.S.C. § 1343, both  
18 through their cookie stuffing schemes and through communications with eBay and  
19 Commission Junction designed to fraudulently conceal those schemes.

20 51. As described in Paragraphs 25-33 above, schemes to defraud eBay existed  
21 by which the members of the Hogan Group and Dunning Group each stuffed eBay  
22 cookies onto computers for the purpose of defrauding eBay of commission fees due only  
23 for legitimate Revenue Actions associated with a given affiliate. The members of the  
24 Hogan Group and Dunning Group each participated in these schemes with the specific  
25 intent to defraud eBay. Use of the Internet was essential to the schemes: the members of  
26 the Hogan Group and Dunning Group stuffed a cookie onto a computer when a user was  
27 browsing the Internet, and the stuffed cookie was later read and recognized when that  
28 Internet user accessed eBay's website on the Internet and either registered with the site,

1 purchased an item or engaged in some other Revenue Action. The members of the Hogan  
2 Group and Dunning Group each, by use of their technologies, caused users' web browsers  
3 to convey a representation by the Hogan Group and/or the Dunning Group to eBay that  
4 the user had accessed the eBay website via an advertisement placed by either DPS or  
5 KFC, when in fact, a substantial portion of those users never knowingly or intentionally  
6 visited the eBay website based on an advertisement placed by either DPS or KFC. These  
7 fraudulent acts and representations were repeated multiple times, and each act constitutes  
8 a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 through the use of interstate wires. Moreover, because the  
9 Hogan Group's and the Dunning Group's cookie stuffing activities were undertaken as  
10 part of a scheme to defraud and for the purpose of executing that fraud by wire  
11 transmissions, each instance of cookie stuffing constitutes a completed violation of 18  
12 U.S.C. § 1343 regardless of whether any commission was credited or paid as a result.

13 52. On or about June 2007, eBay undertook an investigation into suspected  
14 cookie stuffing by the Hogan Group and the Dunning Group. eBay was able to verify the  
15 existence of the two schemes and to track specific instances of cookie stuffing through  
16 several different methods.

17 53. eBay first ran its own tests and was able to observe and confirm fraudulent  
18 cookie stuffing by both the Hogan Group and the Dunning Group.

19 a. For example, on or about June 5, 2007, an eBay employee visited the  
20 website [www.drago-sim.com](http://www.drago-sim.com) using a secure computer that had its IP address masked (to  
21 overcome countermeasures that prevented cookies from being stuffed onto computers  
22 with San Jose IP addresses) and that was equipped to monitor and record Internet activity  
23 occurring on the computer. The website [www.drago-sim.com](http://www.drago-sim.com) was a participant in DPS's  
24 advertising network and contained a DPS-controlled banner ad. Although the eBay  
25 employee never clicked on, or requested, any eBay ad or link to an eBay website, the  
26 Hogan Group's code in the DPS-controlled banner ad secretly redirected the computer  
27 being used by the eBay employee to an eBay website, and a DPS-associated cookie was  
28 dropped. eBay observed an identical cookie stuff by the Hogan Group on the same date

1 by visiting the site [www.songlyrics.com](http://www.songlyrics.com), which was also a participant in the DPS ad  
2 network and which also contained a DPS-controlled banner ad.

3 b. Also on or about June 5, 2007, eBay was able to observe and record  
4 fraudulent cookie stuffing activity caused by the Dunning Group's wholinked and  
5 profilemaps applications. As with the investigation of the Hogan Group's cookie stuffing,  
6 secure computers equipped with Internet monitoring and recording equipment were  
7 directed to sites containing the Dunning Group's wholinked and profilemaps applications.  
8 Without any further action being taken by the computers' users, the Dunning Group's  
9 wholinked and profilemaps applications secretly redirected the computers to an eBay  
10 website, and KFC-associated cookies were stuffed onto the computers.

11 54. In addition, on June 6, 2007, eBay asked Gallivan, Gallivan & O'Melia LLC  
12 ("GGO") to undertake a cookie stuffing investigation. On that date, a GGO employee  
13 visited the website [www.jokes-time.com](http://www.jokes-time.com) using a secure computer located in Mountain  
14 View, California that had its IP address masked and had been equipped to monitor and  
15 record Internet activity occurring on the computer. The jokes-time.com website was a  
16 participant in DPS's advertising network and contained a DPS-controlled banner ad.  
17 Without any action by the GGO employee other than visiting that website, the Hogan  
18 Group's code in the DPS-controlled banner ad secretly redirected the GGO computer to  
19 another DPS site and then to eBay's website, causing eBay's site to drop cookies that  
20 were associated with DPS onto the GGO computer. On or about June 14, 2007, an  
21 employee of GGO created a new eBay account using the computer that still contained the  
22 cookies stuffed by the Hogan Group. The GGO employee then purchased an item from  
23 eBay using the newly created account through the "buy it now" function. Using  
24 information provided by GGO, eBay then tracked this new account and purchase, and  
25 determined that DPS was credited both for the "new user" acquisition and for the sale.

26 55. On or about June 6, 2007, GGO also performed a second cookie stuffing  
27 test from its offices located in the Seattle, Washington area, following the same steps  
28 taken in Mountain View. As in the Mountain View test, the Hogan Group's code stuffed

1 DPS-associated cookies onto the GGO computer even though the computer user did not  
2 navigate to eBay's website. An eBay "buy it now" purchase was made by a GGO  
3 employee in the Seattle area the following day using the computer containing the stuffed  
4 cookies. eBay was again able to track a commission from the sale that was credited to  
5 DPS.

6 56. Having confirmed the ongoing cookie stuffing by both the Hogan Group  
7 and the Dunning Group, eBay next set out to determine the extent of that unlawful  
8 activity. On or about June 8-19, 2007, eBay made certain alterations to its website to both  
9 detect further evidence of the cookie stuffing and, if found, to assess the volume of cookie  
10 stuffing by the Hogan Group and the Dunning Group. eBay placed a special "gif" image  
11 on the eBay.com home page. This special gif was served to any browser receiving an  
12 eBay cookie. eBay had observed that Defendants' cookie stuffing schemes caused the  
13 user's browser to be secretly redirected to eBay's home page for only a short period of  
14 time—sufficient time for the cookie to be stuffed and little or no more. A browser that  
15 had been redirected to eBay for purposes of cookie stuffing would not access eBay's site  
16 long enough to be served the special gif, but a legitimate browser redirect to eBay (during  
17 which a user clicks on an ad and comes to the eBay site) would be served that gif. eBay  
18 then examined the data or traffic sent by all of its affiliates, including DPS and KFC.  
19 eBay was able to review this data with a tremendous amount of granularity, capturing  
20 individual cookie stuffs by the Hogan Group and the Dunning Group. The following are  
21 examples of such individual cookie stuffs:

- 22 • On June 8, 2007, at approximately 12:32 p.m. PST, a cookie stuffed with  
23 information for the affiliate using PID 2326993 was dropped from an eBay  
24 California server to IP address 84.13.180.86. The user of this IP address was  
25 located in Surrey, UK. PID 2326993 was an affiliate account number assigned to  
26 KFC. The special gif was not served.
- 27 • On June 8, 2007, at approximately 12:37 p.m. PST, a cookie stuffed with  
28 information for the affiliate using PID 2028993 was dropped from an eBay

1 California server to IP address 83.67.105.219. The user of this IP address was  
2 located in South Yorkshire, UK. PID 2028993 was an affiliate account number  
3 assigned to KFC. The special gif was not served.

- 4 • On June 8, 2007, at approximately 12:52 p.m. PST, a cookie stuffed with  
5 information for the affiliate using PID 2028993 was dropped from an eBay  
6 California server to IP address 172.174.248.28. The user of this IP address was a  
7 customer utilizing the ISP America Online located in Virginia. PID 2028993 was  
8 an affiliate account number assigned to KFC. The special gif was not served.
- 9 • On June 8, 2007, at approximately 12:58 p.m. PST, a cookie stuffed with  
10 information for the affiliate using PID 2225634 was dropped from an eBay  
11 California server to IP address 68.57.17.37. The user of this IP address was located  
12 in Pennsylvania. PID 2225634 was an affiliate account number assigned to DPS.  
13 The special gif was not served.
- 14 • On June 9, 2007, at approximately 12:43 p.m. PST, a cookie stuffed with  
15 information for the affiliate using PID 2326993 was dropped from an eBay  
16 California server to IP address 81.104.118.168. The user of this IP address was  
17 located in Glasgow, Scotland. PID 2326993 was an affiliate account number  
18 assigned to KFC. The special gif was not served.
- 19 • On June 9, 2007, at approximately 12:56 p.m. PST, a cookie stuffed with  
20 information for the affiliate using PID 2225635 was dropped by an eBay California  
21 server on IP address 71.210.107.53. The user of this IP address was located in  
22 Arizona. PID 2225635 was an affiliate account number assigned to DPS. The  
23 special gif was not served.
- 24 • On June 11, 2007, at approximately 12:18 p.m. PST, a cookie stuffed with  
25 information for the affiliate using PID 2225634 was dropped by an eBay California  
26 server on IP address 206.40.234.2 18. The user of this IP address is located in  
27 Utah. PID 2225634 is an affiliate account number assigned to DPS. The special  
28 gif was not served.



1 The cumulative results of the investigation demonstrated that over 99% of the traffic  
2 directed by DPS and KFC during the time period of the investigation did not receive the  
3 gif image, and was therefore fraudulent cookie stuffing traffic. During the short period of  
4 this investigation, the data demonstrated that the Hogan Group had stuffed over 650,000  
5 cookies and the Dunning Group had stuffed close to 20,000 cookies.

6 57. eBay also performed an additional analysis of historical data that uncovered  
7 further evidence of cookie stuffing by the Hogan Group and the Dunning Group over the  
8 period from April 1, 2004 through June 18, 2007. Cookie stuffing is premised on the  
9 notion that if one stuffs a large number of Internet users, some subset of those users will  
10 later come to eBay (by chance and through no action of the cookie stuffer) and take a  
11 Revenue Action. eBay examined its historical data regarding the behavior of eBay users  
12 in an effort to determine whether user behavior provided proof of cookie stuffing. eBay's  
13 analysis showed that, in fact, there were substantial differences in the behavior of  
14 legitimately-referred users and users referred by DPS and KFC, which supported the  
15 conclusion that the Hogan Group and the Dunning Group engaged in cookie stuffing. For  
16 legitimately-referred users, the historical data showed that a high percentage of Revenue  
17 Actions (e.g., establishing a new eBay account or placing a winning bid on an item)  
18 occurred within the first hour of a cookie drop. Such behavior was to be expected,  
19 because the cookie was dropped at the same time that the user visited eBay's site and was  
20 exposed to the content on the site that would drive a Revenue Action. The contrasting  
21 historical data for DPS and KFC demonstrated that both the Hogan Group and the  
22 Dunning Group had been engaged in cookie stuffing. Users allegedly referred by DPS  
23 and/or KFC demonstrated behavior consistent with cookie stuffing and inconsistent with  
24 legitimate referrals: those users did not take the high percentage of their Revenue Actions  
25 during the first hour following the cookie drop and, instead, took Revenue Actions at a  
26 nearly uniform rate over the life of the cookie. This behavior showed that those users had  
27 not been exposed to the content of the eBay site at the same time that the cookie was  
28 dropped; instead, the users had been stuffed and visited eBay at some random time after

1 the stuffing.

2 58. On information and belief, based on eBay's analysis and understanding of  
3 how the Defendants' cookie stuffing schemes worked and on statements made by Todd  
4 Dunning to one of eBay's employees, DPS and KFC retained electronic records of the IP  
5 addresses of the individual computers they stuffed with cookies in order to prevent  
6 stuffing multiple cookies on a single computer.

7 59. The Hogan Group and the Dunning Group fraudulently stuffed cookies onto  
8 the computers of a large group of users without exposing them to the content on eBay's  
9 site and a subset of those users later engaged in Revenue Actions that were unrelated to  
10 any action by DPS or KFC but still produced enormous commissions for them. In other  
11 words, DPS and KFC received commissions based on Revenue Actions by users for  
12 which they were not responsible. But every act of cookie stuffing by the Hogan Group  
13 and the Dunning Group, regardless of whether it resulted in the payment of a commission,  
14 constituted a separate violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, because it constituted a use of  
15 interstate wire communications in furtherance of the Defendants' schemes to defraud  
16 eBay.

17 60. In addition to their cookie stuffing schemes, which occurred over several  
18 years and involved hundreds of thousands or even millions of acts that each constituted a  
19 separate violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343, the Hogan Group and the Dunning Group also  
20 engaged in efforts to conceal and avoid detection of their schemes through fraudulent  
21 communications involving the interstate mails and wires. Examples of such  
22 communications include the following:

- 23 • On or about September 5, 2005, after being contacted by (then) CJ employee  
24 Christine Kim regarding suspicions of possible cookie stuffing by DPS,  
25 Defendant Shawn Hogan falsely told Ms. Kim in a telephone conversation that the  
26 apparent cooking stuffing arose from a "coding error" that had since been fixed.
- 27 • On or about February 15, 2006, Todd Dunning telephoned eBay employee Dan  
28 Burkhart and reported that DPS and Hogan were cookie stuffing, which was true.



1 During the same telephone conversation, Mr. Dunning told Mr. Burkhart that his  
2 brother Brian Dunning was an honest affiliate. That statement was false. Mr.  
3 Dunning later told eBay employees that he had lied when he said that DPS and  
4 Mr. Hogan were cookie stuffing. That statement was also false.

- 5 • On or about August 9, 2006, Brian Dunning falsely told eBay employee Christine  
6 Kim in an email that he would explain KFC's "innovative" business model "in  
7 detail." Mr. Dunning subsequently provided Ms. Kim with descriptions of KFC's  
8 business model that failed to accurately describe KFC's methods, and created the  
9 false impression that KFC was actually driving users to eBay's site, instead of  
10 engaging in a fraudulent cookie stuffing scheme.
- 11 • On or about August 29, 2006, Brian Dunning falsely stated in an email to CJ  
12 employee Andrea Bardakos and eBay employee Christine Kim that the success of  
13 KFC's methods was based on "staggering amounts of up-front adoption."
- 14 • On or about August 31, 2006, Brian Dunning emailed CJ employees Andrea  
15 Bardakos and Jeff Ransdell, and eBay employee Christine Kim, thanking them for  
16 maintaining confidentiality regarding the "inner workings" of his business model  
17 and stating that "a conversation was 'due' at some point, especially given the high  
18 simplicity-to-effectiveness ratio of what we're doing." In fact, KFC's  
19 "effectiveness" in receiving commissions was due to its fraudulent cookie stuffing  
20 scheme.
- 21 • On or about September 1, 2006, eBay employee Christine Kim and Shawn Hogan  
22 conducted an instant message exchange during which Ms. Kim asked Mr. Hogan  
23 to provide specifics regarding the DPS ad network, and Mr. Hogan made various  
24 statements to actively conceal the existence of his cookie stuffing, including  
25 claims that his system "works like evolution in nature" and refusing to provide his  
26 code or analytics because "while it's really (REALLY) neat and would like to  
27 show everyone just to show off ... it's really not a good idea if I give it away."
- 28 • On or about September 7, 2006, Brian Dunning falsely stated in an email to eBay

1 employee Christine Kim that he was “absolutely confident” that KFC’s methods  
2 were “in line with the intended spirit of the terms” of the AMP.

- 3 • In early November 2006, eBay employee Christine Kim questioned Shawn Hogan  
4 after an eBay employee based in Amsterdam had written to her about DPS’s  
5 results in the Netherlands, noting that “[n]ormally we only see these low  
6 conversion rates when cookiedropping is involved.” On or about November 6,  
7 2006, Mr. Hogan falsely told Ms. Kim in a conversation via telephone or instant  
8 message that low conversion rates in the Netherlands were caused by Mr. Hogan’s  
9 failure to “deep link” his ads there after a bug fix had been made.
- 10 • On or about January 22, 2007, Brian Dunning responded by email to eBay  
11 employee Christine Kim’s query as to why KFC’s “winning bids and clicks” were  
12 below the norm by falsely stating, “I wonder if the demographic of MySpace  
13 users has much to do with it. They’re generally quite young, maybe they’re too  
14 poor to win auctions.” This statement was false and was intended to conceal his  
15 cookie stuffing because Mr. Dunning knew that the unusual statistics noted by  
16 Ms. Kim were the result of his cookie stuffing.
- 17 • On or about February 7, 2007, Brian Dunning falsely stated in an email to eBay  
18 employee Christine Kim that “in the past 3 days we’ve received click-throughs on  
19 ads from 97,743 profiles. That only counts profiles where someone clicked the  
20 ad, no telling how many other profiles people have added it to.” In fact, as Mr.  
21 Dunning knew at the time, his click-throughs were the result of cookie stuffing  
22 and not from users clicking on ads.

23 61. Each violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 constitutes a separate instance of  
24 “racketeering activity” as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1) and was committed in  
25 furtherance of the conspiracy to defraud eBay of commission fees not legitimately earned  
26 by either DPS or KFC. Together, these violations constitute a pattern of racketeering  
27 activity: the violations have the same or similar purposes, results, participants, victims  
28 and/or methods of commission.

64. WHEREFORE, eBay prays for judgment against each of the members of the Hogan Group and the Dunning Group, as more fully set forth below.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

**(Fraud)**

65. eBay realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 64, inclusive, and incorporates them by reference herein.

66. DPS and DOES 1-10, by use of their cookie stuffing computer programs and/or code, caused users' web browsers to convey a representation by those Defendants to eBay that the user had accessed the eBay website via an advertisement placed by DPS. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that this conduct began in or around December 2003 and continued through at least June 2007.

67. KFC and DOES 12-20, by use of their cookie stuffing computer programs and/or code, caused users' web browsers to convey a representation by those Defendants to eBay that the user had accessed the eBay website via an advertisement placed by KFC. eBay is informed and believes and, on that basis, alleges that this conduct began in or around December 2004 and continued through at least June 2007.

1           68.   DPS and KFC also made a number of false statements regarding their  
2 business methods, described above, in an effort to conceal their fraudulent cookie stuffing  
3 schemes from detection by eBay or CJ.

4           69.   The representations made and/or caused to be made by each of DPS, KFC  
5 and DOES 1-10 and 12-20 were in fact false. The true facts were that a substantial  
6 portion of the users ostensibly referred by each of DPS, KFC and DOES 1-10 and 12-20  
7 to the eBay site had not been referred by those Defendants, that those users had never  
8 knowingly or intentionally visited the eBay site based on any advertisement or referral  
9 from any of those Defendants, and that the information contained in cookies in those  
10 users' web browsers was actually the product of the false and misleading cookie stuffing  
11 schemes employed by each of DPS, KFC and DOES 1-10 and 12-20.

12           70.   When DPS, KFC and DOES 1-10 and 12-20 made these representations (or  
13 caused them to be made), they knew them to be false and made these representations (or  
14 caused them to be made) with the intention to deceive and defraud eBay and induce eBay  
15 to act in reliance on these representations.

16           71.   eBay, at the time these representations were made (or caused to be made) by  
17 DPS, KFC and DOES 1-10 and 12-20, was ignorant of the falsity of the representations  
18 and believed them to be true. In reliance on these representations, eBay was induced to,  
19 and did, make commission payments to each of DPS and KFC (via CJ) in consideration  
20 for referrals that eBay believed to be legitimate and bona fide. Had eBay known the true  
21 facts, it would not have made such commission payments. eBay's reliance on the  
22 representations of DPS, KFC and DOES 1-10 and 12-20 was justified.

23           72.   As a proximate result of the fraudulent conduct of each of DPS, KFC and  
24 DOES 1-10 and 12-20, eBay paid commissions and fees to DPS and KFC (via CJ) for  
25 referrals that had never occurred, for which eBay received no value, and for which eBay  
26 owed nothing to DPS or KFC.

27           73.   As a proximate result thereof, eBay has been damaged in an amount to be  
28 proven at trial.



**FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION****(Restitution and Unjust Enrichment)**

82. eBay realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 81, inclusive, and incorporates them by reference herein.

83. Through their cookie stuffing schemes, as described above, each of DPS and KFC received a benefit from eBay, in the form of artificially and fraudulently inflated commissions paid to DPS and KFC (via CJ) for Revenue Actions that were not associated with any referral from those Defendants.

84. In light of DPS's and KFC's conduct, it would be unjust for DPS and KFC to retain the benefits they obtained from eBay.

85. DPS and KFC have been unjustly enriched by eBay's payments and should be required in equity to make restitution of these payments to eBay.

86. WHEREFORE, eBay prays for judgment against each of DPS and KFC, as more fully set forth below.

**SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION****(California Business and Professions Code § 17200)**

87. eBay realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 86, inclusive, and incorporates them by reference herein.

88. Through their cookie stuffing schemes, as described above, each of DPS and KFC engaged in unlawful, unfair and/or fraudulent business practices. Such conduct by each of DPS and KFC violates California Business and Professions Code § 17200 et. seq.

89. As discussed herein, DPS's and KFC's business practices of engaging in cookie stuffing were unlawful under state and federal laws, including but not limited to the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. § 1030, the civil RICO statute, 18 U.S.C. § 1962(c), California Penal Code § 502, and constituted common law fraud.

90. DPS's and KFC's conduct was also fraudulent and deceptive, and was unfair to eBay, in that it offended established public policy, and/or was immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous and substantially injurious to eBay.



SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT  
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8 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

9 eBay hereby demands a trial by jury of all claims in this action.

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