Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION

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Plaintiff,

v.

EXPERIAN INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC.. et al..

Defendants.

Case No. 15-cv-04614-BLF

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT TAL ONE'S MOTION TO DISMISS THE COMPLAINT WITH LEAVE TO AMEND

[RE: ECF 12]

Defendant Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. ("Capital One") moves to dismiss Plaintiff's complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6). For the reasons stated on the record at the hearing on January 7, 2016 and discussed below, the motion is GRANTED WITH LEAVE TO AMEND.

BACKGROUND I.

Plaintiff has filed a form complaint containing boilerplate allegations arising from unspecified inaccuracies in her credit reports. Plaintiff claims that she gave the defendant credit reporting agencies notice of the inaccuracies, but they and the entities that furnished the inaccurate information failed to perform reasonable investigations or correct the inaccuracies. Plaintiff asserts a single claim under the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"), 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2.

II. **DISCUSSION**

Plaintiff's complaint fails to meet the most basic pleading requirements. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a) requires that the complaint contain "a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) requires that the complaint "contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to 'state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.'" Ashcroft v. Igbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009) (quoting Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)). "A claim has facial plausibility

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when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged." Id. As discussed in more detail below, Plaintiff does not identify with any particularity what inaccurate information appeared on the credit reports. Thus the complaint does not contain facts sufficient to put Capital One on notice of the claims against it or to show that Plaintiff is entitled to relief.

Claim 1 is asserted under the FCRA, which is titled "Responsibilities of furnishers of information to consumer reporting agencies." 15 U.S.C. § 1681s-2. Section 1681s-2(a) does not provide a private right of action, so to the extent that Plaintiff asserts a claim under that section, it is subject to dismissal. See Nelson v. Chase Manhattan Mortg. Corp., 282 F.3d 1057, 1059-60 (9th Cir. 2002). The FCRA does provide a private right of action under § 1681s-2(b) against a person who furnishes information to a credit reporting agency but fails to take certain steps when informed of a dispute regarding the completeness or accuracy of such information. See id. at 1060; Littleton v. Experian Info. Sols., Inc., No. 15-cv-01619-EJD, 2015 WL 4638308, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 4, 2015). A plaintiff asserting a claim under § 1681s-2(b) must allege what information the defendant furnished to the credit reporting agency and why that information was incomplete or inaccurate. See Littleton, 2015 WL 4638308, at *2. Plaintiff has not alleged what information Capital One communicated to the defendant credit reporting agencies or why such information was incomplete or inaccurate.

III. **ORDER**

- (1) Capital One's motion to dismiss is GRANTED WITH LEAVE TO AMEND;
- (2) Leave to amend is limited to the claim addressed in this order; Plaintiff may not add additional claims or parties without express leave of the Court; and
- (3) Any amended pleading shall be filed on or before February 3, 2016.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 13, 2016

United States District Judge