

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION

TRACFONE WIRELESS, INC.,)	
a Delaware corporation,)	
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Plaintiff,)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
)	
VS.)	3:07-CV-1761-G
)	
TIMOTHY L. CARSON a/k/a TIMOTHY)	ECF
L. CARLSON, individually and d/b/a)	
COMPASHION CELLULAR,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

FINAL JUDGMENT AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION

Plaintiff, TracFone Wireless, Inc. (“TracFone”), brought the above-captioned lawsuit against, among others, defendant Timothy L. Carson a/k/a Timothy L. Carlson, individually and d/b/a Compashion Cellular, (“defendant”), alleging that defendant was engaged in an enterprise involving the acquisition, sale and alteration of large quantities of TracFone and TracFone’s NET10 branded prepaid wireless telephones (“TracFone/NET10 Prepaid Phones” or “Phones”) purchased from various retail outlets such as Wal-Mart, Target and Sam’s Club, the solicitation and payment of others to bulk purchase TracFone/NET10 Prepaid Phones for defendant’s benefit,

computer hacking and erasing or otherwise disabling the prepaid software (“TracFone/NET10 Prepaid Software”) installed in the Phones essential for consumers to access TracFone’s prepaid wireless network or reselling the Phones to others who disable the software, and ultimate selling of the altered Phones as new under TracFone’s trademarks for the unauthorized use outside of the TracFone prepaid wireless system (the “Bulk Resale Scheme”).

TracFone/NET10 Prepaid Phones are sold subject to terms and conditions (“Terms and Conditions”) which conspicuously restrict and limit the sale and use of TracFone/NET10 Prepaid Phones. These Terms and Conditions are set forth in printed inserts that are included in the packaging with every TracFone Phone, and are also available to the public on TracFone’s website. The Terms and Conditions are also referenced in printed warnings that are placed on the outside of the retail packaging of the Phones. The Terms and Conditions and language on the packaging constitute a valid binding contract.

Pursuant to the Terms and Conditions and the language on the packaging, purchasers of TracFone/NET10 Prepaid Phones agree: (a) to use the Phones only in conjunction with the TracFone/NET10 prepaid wireless service; (b) not to tamper with or alter TracFone/NET10 Prepaid Phones or the Phones’ software, enter unauthorized PIN numbers in the Phones, engage in any other unauthorized or illegal use of the Phones or the TracFone/NET10 service, or assist others in such acts; and

(c) not to export any TracFone/NET10 Prepaid Phones outside of the TracFone/NET10 wireless system coverage area (“Coverage Area”).

TracFone’s complaint asserted claims against the defendant for his alleged involvement in the Bulk Resale Scheme for breach of contract; federal trademark infringement under 15 U.S.C. § 1114; federal unfair competition under 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a); common law unfair competition; contributory trademark infringement; copyright infringement under Title 17 of the United States Code; circumvention of technological measures that control access to copyrighted software and trafficking in services that circumvent technological measures protecting copyrighted software under 17 U.S.C. § 1201, *et seq.* as a violation of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (“DMCA”); tortious interference with business relationships and prospective advantages; tortious interference with contract; dilution of TracFone’s Trademarks under Tex. Code Ann. § 16.29; civil conspiracy; and unjust enrichment.

Accordingly, it is hereby, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that:

1. This court has jurisdiction over all the parties and all of the claims set forth in TracFone’s complaint.
2. The court finds that TracFone owns all right, title, and interest in and to United States Trademark Registration No. 2,114,692, issued on November 18, 1997 and based on a first use date of June 30, 1996; United States Trademark Registration No. 2,761,017, issued on September 9, 2003 and based on a first use date of

December 2000; United States Trademark Registration No. 3,224,929, issued on April 3, 2007 and based on a first use date of December 31, 2005; United States Trademark Registration No. 3,222,623, issued on March 27, 2007 and based on a first use date of December 31, 2005; United States Trademark Registration No. 3,118,250, on July 18, 2006 and based on a first use date of March 1, 2005; United States Trademark Registration No. 3,255,754, issued on June 26, 2007 and based on a first use date of December 31, 2005; United States Trademark Registration No. 3,253,506, issued on June 19, 2007 and based on a first use date of December 31, 2005; and United States Trademark Registration No. 3,251,389, issued on June 12, 2007 and based on a first use date of December 31, 2005 (collectively, the “TracFone Trademarks”).

3. The TracFone Trademarks are valid, distinctive, protectable, famous, have acquired secondary meaning and are associated exclusively with TracFone. The court finds that the trademark registered under Registration No. 2,114,692 is incontestable.

4. The court further finds that TracFone holds a valid and enforceable copyright registration, TX 6-515-894, on the TracFone Prepaid Software.

5. The court finds that the defendant’s involvement in the Bulk Resale Scheme constitutes breach of contract; federal trademark infringement under 15 U.S.C. § 1114; federal unfair competition under 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a); common law

unfair competition; contributory trademark infringement; copyright infringement under Title 17 of the United States Code; circumvention of technological measures that control access to copyrighted software and trafficking in services that circumvent technological measures protecting copyrighted software under 17 U.S.C. § 1201, *et seq.* as a violation of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (“DMCA”); tortious interference with business relationships and prospective advantages; tortious interference with contract; dilution of TracFone’s Trademarks under Tex. Code Ann. § 16.29; civil conspiracy; and unjust enrichment.

6. The court finds that the Terms and Conditions constitute a valid binding contract enforceable against defendant.

7. The court further finds that TracFone is entitled to injunctive relief and damages on the claims set forth in the complaint.

8. On November 27, 2006, the Librarian of Congress, upon the recommendation of the Register of Copyrights, issued a Final Rule setting forth six (6) classes of copyrighted works that are exempt from the provisions of the DMCA, including:

Computer programs in the form of firmware that enable wireless telephone handsets to connect to a wireless telephone communication network, when circumvention is accomplished for the sole purpose of lawfully connecting to a wireless telephone communication network.

71 Fed. Reg. 68472 (Nov. 27, 2006) (amending 37 C.F.R. § 201.40(b)). The court finds that this new exemption does not absolve the defendant of liability for his violations of the DMCA as alleged in TracFone's complaint, because the defendant's conduct as alleged in this case does not come within the scope of the new exemption. The defendant's purchase and resale of the TracFone handsets was for the purpose of reselling those handsets for a profit, and not "for the sole purpose of lawfully connecting to a wireless telephone communication network." Because the exemption does not apply to the conduct alleged in this case, there is no need for the court to address the validity of the exemption or the circumstances surrounding its enactment.

9. Final judgment is hereby entered against defendant, Timothy L. Carson a/k/a Timothy L. Carlson, individually and d/b/a Compashion Cellular, and in favor of the plaintiff, TracFone Wireless, Inc., on all of the claims set forth in TracFone's complaint.

10. Defendant, and each and all of his past and present respective representatives, agents, assigns, parent entities, employees, independent contractors, accountants, attorneys, associates, servants, affiliated entities, and any and all persons and entities in active concert and participation with defendant who receive notice of this order, shall be and hereby are **PERMANENTLY ENJOINED** from:

- a. purchasing and/or selling any wireless mobile phone that they know or should know bears any TracFone Trademark, any other trademark owned or used by TracFone, or any other model of wireless mobile phone

sold or marketed by TracFone (“TracFone/NET10 Handsets”). Specifically, the defendant is enjoined from purchasing and/or selling all models of TracFone/NET10 Handsets currently offered for sale by TracFone, or that may be offered for sale in the future, as listed and updated from time to time on TracFone’s and NET10’s websites, http://tracfone.com/activation_pick_brand.jsp and www.net10.com, including without limitation the following TracFone/NET10 handsets:

Motorola W175	Nokia 2126
Motorola W260g	Nokia 2126i
Motorola W376g	Nokia 2600
Motorola W370R	Nokia 1100
Motorola W370	Nokia 1112
Motorola W375	Nokia 1221
Motorola C261	Nokia 1600
Motorola C139	Nokia 2285
PINK Motorota C139	LG 400G
Motorola V176	LG 3280
Motorola V170	LG CG225
Motorola V171	LG 1500
Motorola C155	LG 200C
Motorola C343	Kyocera K126C
Motorola V60i	

- b. reflashing and/or unlocking of any TracFone/NET10 Handset;
- c. accessing, altering, erasing, tampering with, deleting or otherwise disabling TracFone’s proprietary prepaid cellular software contained within any and all models of TracFone/NET10 Handsets;
- d. facilitating or in any way assisting other persons or entities who defendant knows or should know are engaged in reflashing and/or unlocking TracFone/NET10 Handsets and/or hacking, altering, erasing, tampering with, deleting or otherwise disabling the software installed in TracFone/NET10 Handsets;

e. facilitating or in any way assisting other persons or entities who defendant knows or should know are engaged in any of the acts prohibited under this permanent injunction including, without limitation, the buying and/or selling of unlocked TracFone/NET10 Handsets; and

f. knowingly using the TracFone Trademarks or any other trademark owned or used by TracFone, or that is likely to cause confusion with TracFone's Trademarks, without TracFone's prior written authorization.

11. The last known address of defendant, Timothy L. Carson a/k/a Timothy L. Carlson, individually and d/b/a Compashion Cellular is 2700 North Sante Fe Avenue, Moore, Oklahoma 73106.

12. The address of plaintiff, TracFone Wireless, Inc. is 9700 NW 112th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33178.

13. The court retains jurisdiction over this matter and the parties to this action in order to punish any violation of the terms of this Permanent Injunction by a finding of contempt and a payment of damages to TracFone Wireless, Inc. in an amount of \$5,000 for each TracFone/NET10 Handset that defendant is found to have purchased, sold, or unlocked in violation of this injunction, or \$1,000,000.00, whichever is greater.

14. The prevailing party in any proceeding to enforce compliance with the terms of this Permanent Injunction shall be entitled to an award of its attorneys' fees and costs.

15. This case remains pending against the other defendants named in TracFone's pleadings. The court finds that there is no just reason for delay of the entry of judgment against defendant, Timothy L. Carson a/k/a Timothy L. Carlson, individually and d/b/a Compashion Cellular, and therefore directs the clerk to enter judgment as set forth herein. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 54(b).

February 4, 2009.



A. JOE FISH
Senior United States District Judge