## STATE OF WASHINGTON **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION**

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IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba

of the Franchise Investment Protection Act of

Respondents.

whether there has been a violation

Washington by:

All American Decal Guy;

All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins; Paulina Hopkins,

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Order Number S-06-103-06-CO01

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba

All American Decal Guy

All American Decal Guy, LLC

Mark Hopkins Paulina Hopkins

## INTRODUCTION

On December 11, 2006, the Securities Division of the Department of Financial Institutions ("Securities Division") entered a Statement of Charges against Respondents All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All American Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins. Pursuant to the Franchise Investment Protection Act of Washington, RCW 19.100, the Securities Division and Respondents, All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All American Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins, and their agents and employees, do hereby enter into this CONSENT ORDER in settlement of the matters alleged herein. Respondents, All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All American

1	Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins, and their agents and employees, neither admit nor
2	deny the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated below.
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4	FINDINGS OF FACT
5	<u>Respondents</u>
6	1. All American Decal Guy, LLC ("All American Decal Guy"), a Washington limited liability
7	company, was established on May 10, 2006. All American Decal Guy is currently doing business at
8	17024 Pacific Avenue South, Spanaway, Washington.
9	2. Prior to forming as a limited liability company, Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All
0	American Decal Guy ("All American Decal Guy") operated as a sole proprietorship at 17024 Pacific
1	Avenue South, Spanaway, Washington.
2	3. Mark Hopkins is a resident of Yelm, Washington and is the co-owner of All American Decal
3	Guy.
4	4. Paulina Hopkins is the wife of Mark Hopkins and is also a resident of Yelm, Washington.
5	Paulina Hopkins is the co-owner of All American Decal Guy and the registered agent of All American
6	Decal Guy, LLC.
7	Nature of Offering
8	5. All American Decal Guy is the seller of a franchise opportunity to own and operate a decal
9	service, called All American Decal Guy. The franchisees create, apply, and sell decals based on
20	custom orders using equipment and designs provided by All American Decal Guy.
21	6. In the fall of 2004, a Washington resident met Mark Hopkins in Spokane, Washington where
22	Mark Hopkins was demonstrating the decal process on behalf of All American Decal Guy. The
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resident inquired about the franchise. Mark Hopkins told the resident the franchise entailed the creation and production of decals, including banners, signs, and other graphics and also told the resident he could easily earn \$5,000 to \$6,000 monthly if he owned an All American Decal Guy franchise.

- 7. On March 15, 2005, the Washington resident entered into a contract with All American Decal Guy to purchase the All American Decal Guy franchise for \$17,700. The resident was required to pay a \$2,065.60 cash down payment to All American Decal Guy. That same day the resident signed a promissory note for the outstanding balance of \$15,655 and agreed to pay fifteen monthly installments of \$5,000 to All American Decal Guy until the note was paid in full.
- 8. The resident was allowed to use the All American Decal Guy trade name. According to the purchase agreement, "Buyer shall have the right and license to operate and conduct business for the making, designing and selling of graphic decals under the name 'A All American Decal Guy'".
- 9. The resident also received a marketing plan and training. According to the purchase agreement, purchasers receive: computer software programs, a master list of decal images, and training in "Custom Decal Graphic design". The resident also received training related to the computer programs and the decal equipment. In addition, the resident was told by Mark Hopkins that he could purchase advertising signs from All American Decal Guy to advertise and promote his franchise.
- 10. On April 3, 2006, one year after purchasing the franchise, the resident was approached by Mark Hopkins with a request to sign a royalty agreement which specified he would pay 5% of his gross monthly sales from the franchise to All American Decal Guy. There was no royalty provision in the original contract. The resident refused to sign the agreement. On April 11, 2006 Mark Hopkins went to the franchisee's residence and removed all computer and decal equipment. Mark Hopkins

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3. The offer and/or sale of said franchise was in violation of RCW 19.100.080, the disclosure document provision of the Franchise Investment Protection Act, because the Respondents did not provide the Washington resident with a UFOC that contained material information about the franchise opportunity including, but not limited to, a financial statement of the seller.

4. The offer and/or sale of said franchise was in violation of RCW 19.100.170 because Respondents made untrue statements of material fact or omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

## CONSENT ORDER

Based upon the foregoing and finding it in the public interest:

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents, All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All American Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins, and their agents and employees, each shall cease and desist from offering or selling franchises in violation of RCW 19.100.020, the registration section of the Franchise Investment Protection Act of the State of Washington.

IT IS AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents, All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All American Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins, and their agents and employees, each shall cease and desist from offering or selling franchises in violation of RCW 19.100.170, the antifraud section of the Franchise Investment Protection Act of the State of Washington.

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IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents, All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All American Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins, shall disclose the existence and contents of this Order in any Uniform Franchise Offering Circular approved for use in the State of Washington, such requirement commencing from the date of entry of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND ORDERED that Respondents, All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All American Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins, shall inform any of their current Washington franchisees of the existence of this Order and provide a copy of this Order within 30 days of the entry of the Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that Respondents, All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All American Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins, shall pay to the Securities Division the costs, fees, and other expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter in the amount of \$510 on or before the date of entry of this Order.

IT IS AGREED that this Consent Order alone will not constitute a bar to the approval of any new application of All American Decal Guy, LLC for registration as a franchise.

IT IS AGREED that this Consent Order is not an application of All American Decal Guy, LLC for registration as a franchise.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the Securities Division has jurisdiction to enter this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that in consideration of the foregoing, Respondents, All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and Paulina Hopkins dba All American Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins, waive their rights to a hearing in this matter and judicial review of this matter pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW.

1	IT IS FURTHER AGREED Respondents All American Decal Guy, LLC; Mark Hopkins and		
2	Paulina Hopkins dba All American Decal Guy; Mark Hopkins; and Paulina Hopkins understand the terms		
3	and conditions of this Order and enter into this Consent Order voluntarily.		
4	SIGNED this 15th day of January, 2006.		
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6	Signed by:		
7	All American Decal Guy, LLC		
8	By/s/ Mark Hopkins, President		
9	Mark Hopkins, President		
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12	By/s/ Mark Hopkins, Individually		
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Signed by:			
15	By/s/ Paulina Hopkins, Individually		
16	Paulina Hopkins, Individually		
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22	Dated and Entered this 29th day of January 2007.		
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3	MICHAEL E. STEVENSON Securities Administrator	
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