

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") hereby applies, *ex* parte and without notice, for an order sealing, for a limited time, all papers filed today by the SEC in the above-captioned case, consisting of the Complaint and related documents, all documents filed in support of its separately filed *Ex Parte* Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Orders (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Requiring Accountings; (3) Prohibiting Destruction of Documents; (4) Granting Expedited Discovery; (5) Appointing a Temporary Receiver; and (6) To Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver (the "TRO"

Attorneys. The SEC asks that the Complaint, TRO Application, and Motions to

Application"), and the SEC's Motions to Permit Appearance of Government

Permit Appearance of Government Attorneys be sealed for the earlier of: (a) 48 hours

after the Court issues its ruling on the TRO Application, or (b) upon application by

the SEC to unseal which shall be granted upon filing with the Clerk of the Court.

A. Basis for Filing under Seal

The SEC is filing its TRO Application without notice because this action concerns an ongoing securities fraud being perpetrated by Defendants Profit Connect Wealth Services Corporation ("Profit Connect"), Joy I. Kovar ("J. Kovar"), and Brent C. Kovar ("B. Kovar") (collectively "Defendants"). In its Complaint, which the SEC also requests be filed under seal, the SEC alleges that Defendants are engaged in an ongoing fraudulent securities offering. Profit Connect promises investors that they will make a guaranteed 20% to 30% annual return based on its proprietary Artificial Intelligence "supercomputer" that generates consistently high returns with no market volatility. In reality, none of the money has been invested, and, instead, the Defendants have used investor funds to pay their personal expenses, pay hefty commissions to promoters of the Profit Connect securities, and to pay other investors.

The SEC is asking the Court to file the Complaint and TRO Application under seal because Defendants' fraudulent conduct is ongoing. From April through May 31, 2021, Profit Connect raised at least over \$3.3 million from investors. From April

21, 2021 to June 9, 2021 J. Kovar has transferred at least \$1.2 million from the Profit Connect bank account to her personal account. Given the misrepresentations to investors and the dissipation of investor funds, there is a danger that Defendants will seek to dissipate any remaining funds if Defendants learn of the SEC's action.

Because the SEC is filing its TRO Application without notice, the SEC asks that the Court file under seal the Complaint, the TRO Application, and all related and supporting papers, to ensure that the Complaint and TRO Application are not available to the public through PACER until the Court issues its ruling. If posted on PACER, the Complaint, TRO Application, and other documents would be publicly available, defeating the purpose of filing the TRO Application without notice and increasing the likelihood that the Defendants will learn about the action before the Court issues its ruling. If the Defendants receive such notice, they may continue their fraudulent scheme and continue to dissipate and misuse funds from new and existing investors, thus placing the stolen funds beyond the reach of the Court.

B. Duration of Proposed Sealing Order

The sealing order sought by this application is of limited duration. The SEC asks that the Complaint and TRO Application be sealed for the earlier of: (a) 48 hours after the Court issues its ruling on the TRO Application, or (b) upon application by the SEC to unseal which shall be granted upon filing with the Clerk of the Court. No further order of the Court shall be necessary for the Clerk of Court to unseal the file. This will give the SEC sufficient time to execute the requested asset freeze, to the extent that relief is granted.

The SEC further requests that the seal order shall not be construed to prohibit the SEC or its attorneys or agents from disclosing the existence of this action or the TRO Application to the process servers and other third parties to the extent the SEC deems necessary, and that the SEC and its attorneys may disclose and serve any Order on the *Ex Parte* Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Orders (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Requiring Accountings; (3) Prohibiting Destruction of

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Documents; (4) Granting Expedited Discovery; (5) Appointing a Temporary Receiver; and (6) To Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver, upon the depository institutions identified in the proposed order.

C. Proposed Documents to Be Filed under Seal

With this application, the SEC asks that the Court file the following pleadings under seal:

- this Application and the proposed Sealing Order;
- the SEC's Complaint;
- Civil Cover Sheet:
- Summons;
- the SEC's Ex Parte Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Orders (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Requiring Accountings; (3) Prohibiting Destruction of Documents; (4) Granting Expedited Discovery; (5) Appointing a Temporary Receiver; and (6) To Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver;
- the SEC's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of its Ex
 Parte Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Orders (1)
 Freezing Assets; (2) Requiring Accountings; (3) Prohibiting Destruction
 of Documents; (4) Granting Expedited Discovery; (5) Appointing a
 Temporary Receiver; and (6) To Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction
 and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver;
- the Declaration of Teri M. Melson;
- the Declaration of Dora Zaldivar;
- the Declaration of Elizabeth Blaylock;
- the [Proposed] Temporary Restraining Order and Orders: (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Requiring Accountings; (3) Prohibiting Destruction of Documents; (4) Granting Expedited Discovery; (5) Appointing a Temporary Receiver; and (6) To Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction

and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver;

- Recommendation Concerning Appointment of a Receiver;
- the SEC's Motion to Permit Appearance of Government Attorney Teri
 M. Melson; and
- the SEC's Motion to Permit Appearance of Government Attorney Kathryn C. Wanner.

For the reasons stated, the SEC respectfully requests that the Court grant the *ex* parte application to file under seal.

Dated: July 8, 2021

/s/ Kathryn C. Wanner

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Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") having moved for an order directing that all pleadings and other documents filed with the Court in the above-captioned case be filed under seal, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the entire file and the docket in this action be sealed, and that all documents submitted to the Court in this action, including:

- this Application and the proposed Sealing Order;
- the SEC's Complaint;
- Civil Cover Sheet;
- Summons;
- the SEC's Ex Parte Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Orders (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Requiring Accountings; (3) Prohibiting Destruction of Documents; (4) Granting Expedited Discovery; (5) Appointing a Temporary Receiver; and (6) To Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver;
- the SEC's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of its Ex Parte Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Orders (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Requiring Accountings; (3) Prohibiting Destruction of Documents; (4) Granting Expedited Discovery; (5) Appointing a Temporary Receiver; and (6) To Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver;
- the Declaration of Teri M. Melson;
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 M. Melson; and
- the SEC's Motion to Permit Appearance of Government Attorney Kathryn C. Wanner;

(collectively, the "TRO Application"), be filed under seal, and that the file remain sealed: (a) for 48 hours after the Court issues its ruling on the TRO Application, or (b) upon application by the SEC to unseal which shall be granted upon filing with the Clerk of the Court. No further order of the Court shall be necessary for the Clerk of the Court to unseal the file.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall not be construed to prohibit the SEC or its attorneys or agents from disclosing the existence of this action or the TRO Application to the process servers and other third parties to the extent the SEC deems necessary, and that the SEC and its attorneys may disclose and serve any Order on the *Ex Parte* Application for a Temporary Restraining Order and Orders (1) Freezing Assets; (2) Requiring Accountings; (3) Prohibiting Destruction of Documents; (4) Granting Expedited Discovery; (5) Appointing a Temporary Receiver; and (6) To Show Cause Re Preliminary Injunction and Appointment of a Permanent Receiver, upon the depository institutions identified in the proposed order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:, 2	2021	
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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