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July 10, 2017

[REDACTED]  
RE: Case Number: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

As a Victim Specialist with the FBI - Miami, I'm contacting you because we have identified you as a possible victim of a crime.

This case is currently under investigation by the FBI as well as the United States Postal Inspection Service. A criminal investigation can be a lengthy undertaking, and, for several reasons, we cannot tell you about its progress at this time. A victim of a federal crime is entitled to receive certain services. The enclosed brochure introduces you to the FBI's Victim Assistance Program and the types of assistance that may be available to you.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has filed a lawsuit against World Patent Marketing and its CEO, Scott Cooper, alleging that they engaged in unfair and deceptive practices. The FTC case is a civil matter (not criminal) that is separate from any criminal case that might result from the FBI's investigation. In the FTC's case, on March 7, 2017, Judge Darrin P. Gayles of the United States District Court in Miami, Florida issued a temporary restraining order, temporarily shutting down the business, freezing the company's and Scott Cooper's assets, and appointing attorney Jonathan Perlman as Receiver of the business. The Receiver is a resource for information about the case. His website is [www.worldpatentmarketingreceivership.com](http://www.worldpatentmarketingreceivership.com). The FTC has also set up a website with case filings and additional information. To view the FTC's website, go to [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and use the search box to search for "World Patent Marketing."

Due to the large number of victims in this matter, you will likely not receive additional correspondence by mail but notice will continue to be available by the other means provided by VNS including email. If you would like to receive updates and notification by email, please go to the VNS website (see below) and include your email address if VNS does not have one on file for you or verify the email address VNS has on file is correct.

Current information regarding the status of your case can be found on the Internet at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov> or by calling the Victim Notification System (VNS) Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968). You will need to enter your Victim Identification Number (VIN) [REDACTED] and your Personal Identification Number (PIN) [REDACTED] anytime you contact the Call Center and the first time you log into VNS on the Internet. If you are receiving notifications with multiple victim ID/PIN codes please contact the VNS Call Center. In addition, the first time you access the VNS Internet site, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is [REDACTED].

You can also use the Call Center and the Internet to correct/update your contact information and/or change your decision regarding participation in the notification system. Your participation in this notification system is totally voluntary. You can choose not to participate or reactivate your access at any time. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

The email address VNS currently has for you is [REDACTED]. If this address is correct and you have not received an email from VNS within four days of the date of this letter, please check your junk/spam folder and accept emails from [fedemail@vns.usdoj.gov](mailto:fedemail@vns.usdoj.gov). If the email address provided above is incorrect, please update the email address by accessing the VNS Web site. This email address has not been verified in VNS and future emails will not contain details about the nature of the notification. To receive subsequent emails with the full text of the notification you must verify this email address by accessing the VNS Internet web page using the login information provided above.

Once you have verified/updated your email address, most, if not all, future notifications will be provided by email and not

by letter. If you do not verify your email address, VNS will continue (in most cases) to send letter and email notifications. However, when an email address is not verified, future emails will not contain details about the nature of the notification.

If you have additional questions related to this matter, please contact me at (754) 703-2171. When you call, please provide the file number located at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

Cinthia Sosa  
Victim Specialist

If you do not want to receive email notifications from the Victim Notification System (VNS) please log into the VNS Web site at <https://www.notify.usdoj.gov>, select "My Information", remove your email address and click the "update" button. If you remove your email address, you will continue to receive letters from VNS except in those case which have large numbers of victims. To change your email address, select "My Information", provide a new address and click the "update" button.

If you do not want to receive any notifications in your case, select "Stop Receiving Notifications" and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you believe you have received this email in error, please contact the office listed at top of the email message.

Please note, if this is the first notification you have received from VNS you will need to wait 4-8 hours from receipt of this email before you can login to the VNS Internet site (<https://www.notify.usdoj.gov>). In addition, it will also be 4-8 hours before any documents which may have been uploaded to VNS as part of this notification are available under the "Downloads/Links" section on the Web page.

Please call the Victim Notification System (VNS) Help Desk at phone number 1-866-625-1631 for assistance and questions.

Attachments have been referenced with this notification and are available on the VNS Internet site (or will be available within 8 hours). After you log into the website select "Downloads/Links" to view the attachments.