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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Federal Trade Commission, Plaintiff, vs. **Universal Guardian Acceptance, LLC**, et al., Defendants.	No. 21-8260 **Notice of Related Case Pursuant to Local Rule 83-1.3.1**

Pursuant to Local Rule 83-1.3.1, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") hereby provides notice that this matter is related to *FTC v. OTA Franchise Corporation, et al.*, No. 8:20-cv-00287.

In *FTC v. OTA Franchise Corporation*, the FTC alleged that OTA Franchise Corporation, Newport Exchange Holdings, Inc., NEH Services, Inc., and several

individuals (collectively "OTA") deceived and defrauded consumers by making false and unsubstantiated claims that their investment training courses were likely to generate significant income. OTA permitted consumers to finance its courses, which cost tens of thousands of dollars, using retail installment contracts. Defendants in this action underwrote, serviced, and/or funded many of the OTA retail installment contracts.

In this action, the FTC alleges that Defendants knew or should have known of OTA's deceptive practices, and are liable under Section 5 of the FTC Act for facilitating OTA's fraud.

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