From:	AGO - CAP
To:	agency@cogencyglobal.com
Subject:	Public Records Request 2094556
Date:	Wednesday, August 23, 2023 4:58:56 PM
Attachments:	2094556 Request to Vermont AG 17Aug23.pdf
	0443_001.pdf
	2022-02057 Gibeault.pdf

Dear Steven Robinson,

Please see the attached response.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jensen (she/her/hers) Assistant Director

Office of the Attorney General Consumer Assistance Program 109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05609-1001 Email: AGO.CAP@vermont.gov Phone: (800) 649-2424 Website: https://ago.vermont.gov/cap/

CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE & UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT GET HELP WITH CONSUMER PROBLEMS AND REPORT SCAMS CHARITY R. CLARK ATTORNEY GENERAL



ADDRESS REPLY TO: Office of the Attorney General ATTN: Consumer Assistance Program 109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05609

Website: ago.vermont.gov Email: AGO.CAP@vermont.gov

STATE OF VERMONT OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ENVIORNMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION TEL: (800) 649-2424 FAX: (802) 304-1014

August 23, 2023

VIA EMAIL: agency@cogencyglobal.com

Steve Robinson CogencyGlobal Courts & Agency Client Service Specialist 1025 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Ste 712 Washington, DC 20036

RE: Public Records Request 2094556

Dear Steve Robinson,

I write in response to your Public Records Act request dated, August 17, 2023, a copy of which is attached for your convenience.

Our search produced four complaints related to two companies identified in your request, Leaf Guard and Leaf Filter. The matter numbers are: 2021-09593, 2022-02057, 2021-09140 and 2021-06664. Due to a technical issue, we can produce the documents for 2022-02057 (attached). Please accept our request for an extension as our IT department is currently working to fix the technical issue.

To the extent you feel information has been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Deputy Attorney General, Robert F. McDougall.

Such appeal should be in writing:

Robert F. McDougall Deputy Attorney General Office of the Attorney General 109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05609-1001

Thank you for contacting the Vermont Attorney General's Office. We will forward the remaining documents within 10 days.

Sincerely,

Lisa P Jensen Consumer Assistance Program THOMAS J. DONOVAN ATTORNEY GENERAL

JOSHUA R. DIAMOND DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

SARAH E.B. LONDON CHIEF ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL



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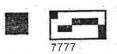
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CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HOTLINE: (800) 649-2424
FAX: (802) 304-1014 Consumer Complaint Form: Reference Number: $AG-21-08585$
Consumer Complaint Form: Reference Number: // 0 - / 0 0000
Consumer Information (Complaint By):
Consumer First and Last Name: Denise Sibeaut Age: 80
Submitted by: (if filing on another's behalf.)
Organization Name: (If filing on behalf of a business/organization.)
Mailing Address (For Complaint Correspondence):
City: Shorehom State: Vermont Zip Code: 05770
Primary Phone: Phone Type (Please Circle One) Home / Cell / Office / Other:
Email Address:@
Consumer identifies as: A Senior (60+) 📝 @Active Military A Veteran A Student Under 18
Business Information (Complaint Against):
Business Name Leaf Guard Rain gutters
Point of Contact for Business: Matthew Rotonda (if applicable.)
Mailing Address: 27 Seans ane
City: Builington State: Vermont Zip Code: 0540
Primary Business Phone: 802 - 440 6587Fax:
Email Address:@
Website:
* PLEASE COMPLETE THE CONSUMER COMPLAINT FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE *

CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ATTORNEY CENERAL'S OFFICE & UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT GET HELP WITH CONSUMER PROBLEMS AND PEPORT SCAMS

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Synchrony Bank Sales Slip

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Total Sale: \$118,675.00
Employee ID (Optional)
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Date of Sale:
2. Input Promotional Plan # 924 and select the promotion type below. Make sure the bubble is filled in next to the promotion type that you have selected. See reverse side for additional details. Not all promotions are available to all Merchants.
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If the promotion type below is selected, make sure that the APR is filled in. For new accounts, that APR is 26.99% and the variable box should not be checked. For existing accounts, call <u>1-888-222-2176</u> to obtain cardholder's APR and determine if APR is variable. No Interest if Paid in Full within Months (Deferred Interest) No Interest Charges will be assessed if the promotional purchase balance is paid in full within the promo period. If the promotional purchase balance is not paid in full by the end of the promo period, interest will be imposed from the date of purchase at the APR entered above. Minimum monthly payments are required.
Authorization Line 1-888-222-2176: Option 2, then Option 4 Auth. Code: 027301
3. Product Information
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Brand / Model # / Description / Invoice #: LeafGuardurard
Buyer Read & Sign I acknowledge receipt of a completed copy of this Sales Slip and have reviewed and understand the promotional terms that will apply to this purchase. I authorize "Amount Financed" shown above to be charged to my credit card account in accordance to the contract between Buyer and Merchant and agree that the purchase will be governed by the terms of the Synchrony Bank Credit Card Agreement.
If this was an in-home sales transaction, I acknowledge that I have been provided by the Merchant with both the oral and written notice of my right, as a Buyer, to cancel this transaction (if applicable).
Synchrony Bank assesses a one-time \$29 Activation Fee-under the Credit Card Agreement at the time the first purchase posts to the account. Any additional surcharges or fees charged by the merchant in connection with applying for or using the Credit Card are prohibited.
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DENISE GIBEAULT

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Account Number Ending In: 4139

Dear DENISE GIBEAULT,

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding your ENGLERT- LEAFGUARD/SYNCB account, and the opportunity to be of service to you.

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As of the date of this letter we closed your account per your request. We have notified the major credit reporting agencies of your decision to close your account. Your current balance as of the date of this letter is \$0.00 and, as long as there is a balance on your account, you will continue to receive monthly statements. Please retain this letter for your records and destroy any cards issued to you. We are sorry to lose you as a ENGLERT- LEAFGUARD/SYNCB credit card cardholder and hope you will continue shopping with us.

If you should reconsider having a ENGLERT- LEAFGUARD/SYNCB account in the future, you may reapply in any store. You will continue to enjoy these valuable benefits, upon approval:

- Online account management
- Various promotional offers
- No Annual Fee

We appreciate you as a valued ENGLERT- LEAFGUARD/SYNCB customer. If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance, please contact us at the toll free number below.

Sincerely,

Customer Service Department 1-800-250-5411

Account is owned by Synchrony Bank

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Account Number Ending In:

Hello DENISE GIBEAULT,

We're reviewing your claim.

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We're here to help you resolve your recently opened dispute claim.

Here's what we've done so far:

- Opened a claim for the disputed charges. If we need additional information, we'll send you a form to complete and return to us.
- Adjusted your account to reflect the disputed amount. You're not responsible for this amount while
 our review is underway. No fees or interest will be accrued on the disputed charges during the review
 process.

As a reminder, a minimum payment is still required by the payment due date for any non-disputed balance. We're working to resolve this matter as quickly as possible and will let you know the outcome. We ask that you allow up to 60 days for us to complete our review of this claim.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We value your business and are here to help when you need us.

Sincerely,

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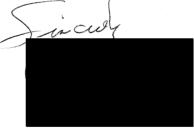
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See Boxed Warning

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Leaf Guard Get it. And forget it.[®]



July 26, 2022

Denise Gibeault



Dear Ms. Gibeault

This is our second written notice of the following:

On 10-17-2021, you signed a contract to have LeafGuard gutters installed on your home for the contract price of \$18,675 payable upon completion of work. Your job was installed on 10-22-2021 Your project is now 277 days past due.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive the entire remaining balance of \$8,675 within ten days of your receipt of this letter, we will be forced to take further action. This may include sending the account to a Collection Agency or Conciliation Court.

This action may be avoided by remitting payment immediately for the full balance of \$8,675. You may call our office at 941-962-1338 pay via credit card or you may mail a check to:

LeafGuard of Vermont

27 Sears Ln

Burlington, VT 05401

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew Rotondo

General Manager, LeafGuard of Vermont

Enclosed: Copy of signed contract.



FRAUD INVESTIGATION FORM 12/30/2021

TYPE OF CARD:

ISSUER: Synchrony Financial

The Credit Card referenced above was:

- 1. _____lost/stolen
- 2. _____ never received in the mail
- 3. _____account used by unauthorized person but card still in possession
- 4. _____ never applied for card

I have not authorized anyone else, orally or in writing, nor have I given consent to anyone else, nor do I have knowledge of implied consent for anyone else to make the fraudulent transactions listed below. Neither I, nor anyone I have authorized has received and/or will not, receive goods, services, or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the fraudulent transactions listed below.

I believe that sales drafts, internet/telephone/mail orders, or applications bearing my purported signature, or the purported signature of person(s) authorized to use the Credit Card/Account Number for the transaction(s) listed below, are and will be forgeries.

I further agree that any information relating to the unauthorized use of this account may be provided to any investigative or prosecutorial agency including local, state or federal law enforcement. I have examined the following list of transactions: Merchant Sale(s), Cash Advance(s), Cash Machine Advance(s), and Statement Charge(s).

If there are additional fraudulent transaction(s), which have not been identified below, please add them to the comment section of this form or attach additional pages as needed.

NOTICE: A Fraud Investigation Form is requested from all consumers who believe they have been a victim of fraud. Returning a completed copy of this form will assist us in accurately researching and resolving your claim. Please return your completed, signed form within 15 business days to Fax # 1-866-876-6909.

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DATE: 12/30/2021

DENISE GIBEAULT

ACCOUNT:

Dear DENISE GIBEAULT,

Thank you for notifying us regarding the unauthorized opening or use of the account referenced above. This account has been closed to prevent further use. We assure you that we will do everything we can to resolve this problem with as little inconvenience to you as possible. We value you as a customer and are committed to providing you with the highest level of service.

We have enclosed a Fraud Investigation Form. Please return the completed form to the fax number or address listed below within 15 days of receiving this letter. Returning a completed copy of this form will assist us in accurately researching and resolving your claim.

When we receive your Fraud Investigation Form and conclude the investigation, we will take the following actions if deemed appropriate:

All confirmed fraud transactions will be removed from the account and any related interest charges and fees will be adjusted accordingly.

All authorized transactions will be billed to your new account.

All credit bureau updates reflecting the accurate account status will be performed.

We will be in contact with you if additional information or documentation is required during the course of the investigation.

Please note: <u>A fraud investigation can take up to 90 days</u>. You will be notified by mail within 7 to 10 days of the case closure.

Sincerely,TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING, PLEASE FAX THIS FORM BACK TO
1-866-876-6909, or please return the form in the pre-addressed envelope to the following address:SYNCHRONY BANK FRAUD
INVESTIGATION UNITSynchrony Bank
OH3-1030
P.O. Box 166015
Altamonte Springs, FL 32716-6015

Please note: California residents who are victims of identity theft may have the right to contact Consumer Reporting Agencies to request a permanent block on the reporting of any information that the victim believes appears in his or her credit report as a result of the theft of personal identifying information.

Date: 12/30/2021

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RECEIPT OF PAYMENT

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Payment Amount:

Balance Due:

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Transaction Date: 10 - 17 - 21

payment: 11-27-21