

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF OCONEE) C.A. No. 2021-CP-37-00149

Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC,)
)
 Plaintiff,)

v.)

American Pharma Machinery, LLC, Dorothy)
 Wells a/k/a Dorothy Alweny a/k/a Queen)
 Dorothy Amolo a/k/a Dorothy Pierce, and the)
 Estate of Doyle Elton Pierce,)
)
 Defendants.)

ORDER FOR DAMAGES
DEFAULT JUDGMENT

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THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the Motion of Plaintiff Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC (“Firewalker”) for an Order for Default Judgment against Defendants American Pharma Machinery, LLC (“American Pharma”) and Dorothy Wells a/k/a Dorothy Alweny a/ka Queen Dorothy Amolo a/k/a Dorothy Pierce (“Pierce”) (collectively, the “Defendants”) pursuant to Rule 55 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.

The Court, having previously ordered default judgement against Defendants, with the amount to be determined by damages hearing by Order dated December 8, 2025. A damages hearing was held on January 8, 2026. Present at the hearing were Bryan P. Kelley, counsel for the Plaintiff, and Ashaley Boatwright, counsel for American Pharma. Defendant Pierce was not present but acknowledged her receipt of notice of the damages hearing by e-mail to the Court dated January 6, 2026.

In support of its damages, Firewalker presented the testimony of Francis Donahue, principal of Firewalker and exhibits. Based on the testimony of Mr. Donahue and its review of the exhibits, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. Firewalker paid to American Pharma the sum of \$16,000.00 for the food processing equipment that is the subject of this litigation.

2. Defendants are in default, and they are therefore liable for all causes of actions Plaintiff alleged in its Complaint and Amended Complaint.

3. Firewalker is entitled to recover its full purchase price, \$16,000.00, from American Pharma due to American Pharma's breach of the contract.

4. Firewalker incurred actual costs of \$945.00 for consumable film materials necessary to test the functionality of the equipment in anticipation using the machine for its initial test run.

5. Firewalker incurred actual costs of \$2,196.87 to pay employee payroll and facility usage costs for the equipment's initial test run.

6. Firewalker's consumable film, payroll, and facility usage costs were or should have been reasonably anticipated and foreseeable by American Pharma as part of its sale of the equipment to Firewalker.

7. Firewalker has incurred \$4,650.00 in actual costs to store the machine since its purchase in a reasonable effort to mitigate its damages, the same being also being reasonably foreseeable and anticipated by American Pharma.

8. Based on the foregoing, Firewalker has incurred actual damages of \$23,791.87.

9. As set forth in the Complaint, American Pharma willfully and knowingly employed unfair and deceptive methods, acts and practices against Firewalker in violation of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10 *et seq.*

10. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-140, Firewalker is entitled to a judgment in the amount of three times its actual damages (\$71,375.61), plus reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

11. Based on the Affidavits of Attorney's Fees submitted to the Court; Firewalker has incurred reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of \$16,243.86. The reasonableness of these costs and fees is uncontested by Defendants.

12. As set forth in the Complaint, Defendants American Pharma and Pierce are alter egos of one another, and that any liability of American Pharma is therefore imputed to Pierce.

13. The court finds Plaintiff's request for damages due to lost profits is too speculative to award as Plaintiff had no signed contracts with potential customers or data to support lost profits.

14. Based on the foregoing, Firewalker is entitled to a judgment against the Defendants in the amount of \$87,619.47, plus post-judgment interest thereon, and Firewalker is entitled to collect such judgment against the Defendants jointly and severally.

NOW THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the Clerk of Court is hereby directed to enter judgment against Defendants American Pharma Machinery, LLC and Dorothy Wells a/k/a Dorothy Alweny a/ka Queen Dorothy Amolo a/k/a Dorothy Pierce and in favor of Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC in the amount of \$87,619.47.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF Oconee
 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2021 CP-37-00149

Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC,
 PLAINTIFF(S)

American Pharma Machinery, LLC, et al.
 DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: Bryan P. Kelley	Attorney for : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant or <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Represented Litigant
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DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered. See Page 2 for additional information.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):** Rule 12(b), SCRPC; Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit); Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled); Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):** Rule 40(j), SCRPC; Bankruptcy; Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award; Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**
 Affirmed; Reversed; Remanded; Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: See attached order (formal order to follow) Statement of Judgment by the Court:

ORDER INFORMATION

This order ends does not end the case.
 Additional Information for the Clerk :

INFORMATION FOR THE JUDGMENT INDEX		
Complete this section below when the judgment affects title to real or personal property or if any amount should be enrolled. If there is no judgment information, indicate "N/A" in one of the boxes below.		
Judgment in Favor of (List name(s) below)	Judgment Against (List name(s) below)	Judgment Amount To be Enrolled (List amount(s) below)
Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC	American Pharma Machinery, LLC	\$87,619.47
Firewalker Hot Sauce Company, LLC	Dorothy Wells a/k/a Dorothy Alweny a/k/a Queen Dorothy Amolo a/k/a Dorothy Pierce	\$87,619.47
If applicable, describe the property, including tax map information and address, referenced in the order:		

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s/ Jane H. Merrill	2794	2/3/26
Circuit Court Judge	Judge Code	Date

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This judgment was entered on the _____ day of _____, 20____ and a copy mailed first class or placed in the appropriate attorney's box on this _____ day of _____, 20____ to attorneys of record or to parties (when appearing pro se) as follows:

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF(S)

ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE DEFENDANT(S)

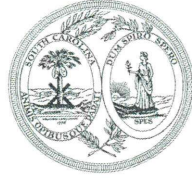
CLERK OF COURT

Court Reporter:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING DECISION BY THE COURT AS REFERENCED ON PAGE 1.

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Oconee Common Pleas

Case Caption: Firewalker Hot Sauce Company Llc VS American Pharma Machinery
Llc , defendant, et al
Case Number: 2021CP3700149
Type: Order/Damages

It is so ordered.

s/ Jane H. Merrill