

SCDCA v. Fast Friendly Cash Today Pawn Shop

(Docket No. 15-ALJ-30-0293-CC)

On June 25, 2015, the Department of Consumer Affairs (Department) filed a request for a contested case hearing against Fast Friendly Cash Today Pawn Shop (Fast Friendly Cash), following a special investigation by the Department in conjunction with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. The Department obtained evidence that Fast Friendly Cash had committed 194 violations of the South Carolina Pawnbroker Act and the Pawnbroker Regulation, including the purchase of at least 65 gift cards totaling over \$23,000 in value, without taking reasonable steps to ascertain the property's true ownership.

The case settled on February 23, 2016, pursuant to a Consent Order. The Consent Order required Fast Friendly Cash to pay \$15,000 in fines, agree to the suspension of its pawnbroker license for 12 months, and restrictions for future potential licensing.