# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,	V-DIMITROULEAS  MAGISTRATE JUDGE  CASEGORION
Plaintiff,	)
vs.	
MITCHELL CAIRO,	COMPLAINT 3
Defendant.	1:12

Plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") alleges that:

1. Defendant Mitchell Cairo ("Cairo"), has engaged, and unless enjoined by this Court, will engage in acts and practices which constitute and will constitute violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") [15 U.S.C. 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. 240.10b-5].

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 2. The Commission brings this action to enjoin such acts and practices pursuant to Sections 21(d), 21(e) and 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78u(d), 78u(e) and 78u-1].
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction of this action under Sections 21, 21A and 27 of the Exchange Act.
- 4. Certain of the acts and practices constituting violations of the Exchange Act have occurred within the Southern District of Florida and were perpetrated through the use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, the mails, or the facilities of a national securities exchange.

# THE DEFENDANT

5. Defendant Cairo resides in the Washington, D.C. area.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 6. At the time of the events alleged in this complaint, Vacation Break was a Florida corporation with its headquarters in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Vacation Break's securities had been registered with the Commission since 1995 and, at the time of the transactions and events alleged in this complaint, were traded on the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.'s Automated Quotation System. Vacation Break developed, marketed and operated vacation time-share units. Vacation Break was merged into another company in 1997 after the failure of the proposed merger that was the subject of the defendant's non-public information.
- 7. Berkley Group is a privately-held company with offices in Fort Lauderdale, Florida which also develops, markets and operates time-share units.
- 8. On October 8, 1996, the principals of Vacation Break and the principals of Berkley Group began discussing a possible merger of Vacation Break and various entities controlled by the owners of the Berkley Group. The initial discussion progressed, and expanded to include an agreement to merge Vacation Break with other time-share companies controlled by the owners of Berkley Group, including the entire Berkley Group.
- 9. On or about October 28, 1996, defendant misappropriated from an employee of Vacation Break, in breach of his fiduciary or similar duty of trust and

confidence owed to that employee, material nonpublic information relating to the proposed transaction with the principals of the Berkley Group.

- 10. While in possession of this material nonpublic information, defendant purchased 15,000 shares of Vacation Break at an average price of approximately \$8.80 per share.
- 11. The first public announcement regarding the discussions came on November 26, 1996, when Vacation Break announced that it was in discussions regarding a potential merger. The next day, November 27, 1996, Vacation Break announced that it had reached a definitive merger agreement with the Berkley Group and other related entities.
- 12. After the November 27, 1996 public announcement regarding Vacation Break's agreement with the Berkley Group the price of Vacation Break securities rose significantly, and the defendant subsequently sold his shares of Vacation Break stock at a profit. Knowledge of Vacation Break's proposed merger with the Berkley Group constituted material, non-public information.

## COUNT I - VIOLATION OF SECTION 10(b) AND RULE 10b-5

- 13. Plaintiff Commission incorporates and realleges all of the previous allegations of this complaint.
- 14. By reason of the foregoing acts, defendant violated, and unless enjoined will continue to violate, Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 thereunder [17 C.F.R. 240.10b-5].

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that this Court:

I.

Find that the defendant committed the violations alleged herein.

Π.

Enter a Final Judgment permanently enjoining defendant, his agents, servants, employees, attorneys-in-fact, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who received actual notice of the Final Judgment by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from violating Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. 240.10b-5] thereunder.

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Enter a Final Judgment ordering defendant to disgorge the ill-gotten gains, plus prejudgment interest thereon, arising out of the conduct alleged herein.

IV.

Enter a Final Judgment ordering defendant to pay civil penalties pursuant to Section 21A of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. 78u-1].

V.

Grant such other relief as the Court may deem just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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