## **Dealer Fraud**

Impact On Lender's Operations



## **Fraud Drivers**



- Customers
- Dealers
- Lenders





## **Customer / Consumer Initiated**

# Identity Theft (Synthetic Fraud)



- ✓ Second Chance Credit
- ✓ Newly Immigrant Population
- ✓ Fraud Rings

## **Tools & Technology**

Know Your Customer
Solutions

SSA-89 Form

Bureau Attributes – Home Grown Models

Fraud Consortiums

**Complex Fraud Models** 

Law Enforcement

Identity Theft
(True Name Fraud)



- ✓ Credit Washing
- ✓ Credit Bust Outs



## Dealer / Customer Initiated

### Income MisRep



- ✓ ISO / 1099 Customer
- ✓ All Sources of Income vs. Paycheck
- ✓ Discontinue Doing
   Business w/Dealers
   Perpetrating Income
   MisRep

### Elder Abuse



- ✓ Customer Not Present
- ✓ Care-Taker / Family
  Member
- ✓ Heavily Scrutinized by State Regulators

### Straw Purchase



- ✓ Family vs. Non-Family
- ✓ High propensity for Unwinds / Repurchase
- ✓ Confession in Collections



## **Dealer Initiated**

## Income MisRep



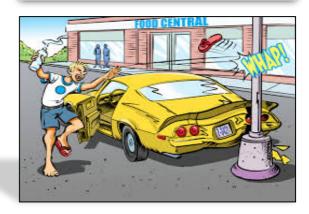
- ✓ Forged Paycheck Stubs
- ✓ All Sources of Income vs. Paycheck
- ✓ Discontinue Doing Business w/Dealers Perpetrating Income MisRep

# **Ancillary Products**



- ✓ Product Variations
- ✓ Customer Harm / Enforcement Actions
- ✓ Regulations Different by State

## Collateral MisRep



- ✓ Improve Terms
- ✓ Consumer Protection /
  Dealer Abuse
- ✓ Repurchase / Unwinds



## Consumer Driven – Dealer Impact

## Title Fraud



- ✓ Cross State Activity
- ✓ Washing Titles / Family Members
- ✓ Law Enforcement Engagement to Identify
- ✓ Innocent Consumers Victimized by Crime

## Impound Fraud



- ✓ Bending State Laws
- ✓ Extorting Lenders / Falsifying Repairs
- ✓ Growing Problem Across the Industry

### Payment Fraud



- ✓ Unauthorized Payments
- ✓ Instrument Used To Clear Lien
- ✓ Delay the Inevitable



## More information?

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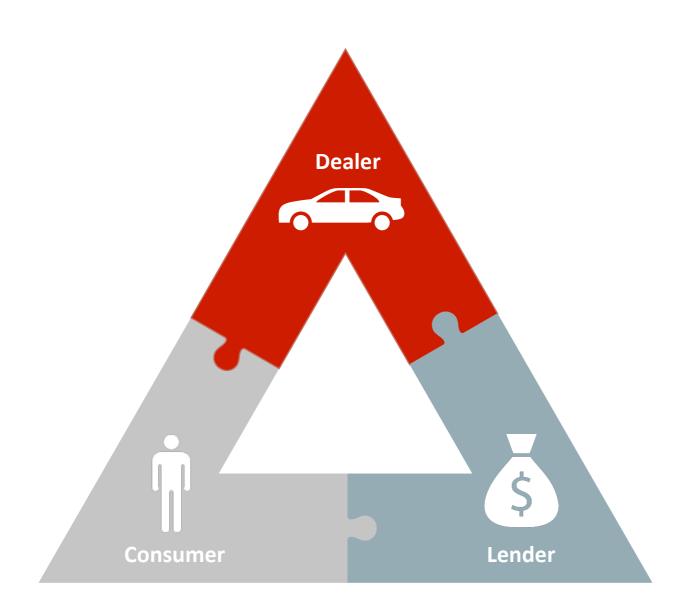


# The Impact of Dealer Fraud

How everyone is impacted by Dealer Fraud in some way



## **Everyone in the System is Hurt By Fraud**





Dealer

More large dealer fraud cases in last **18 months** than any other time in history.

The Lender

Over **\$6 billion** in fraud related activity annually.

The Consumer

Up to 30% of early pay
defaults show some signs
of powerbooking

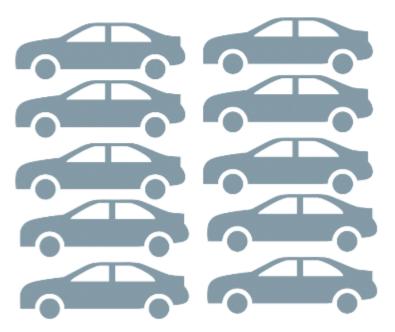
## The Dealer's Profits Are Impacted

For every case of fraud that is pushed back to a dealership from a lender, they must sell an additional 10 cars on average to recover the money.

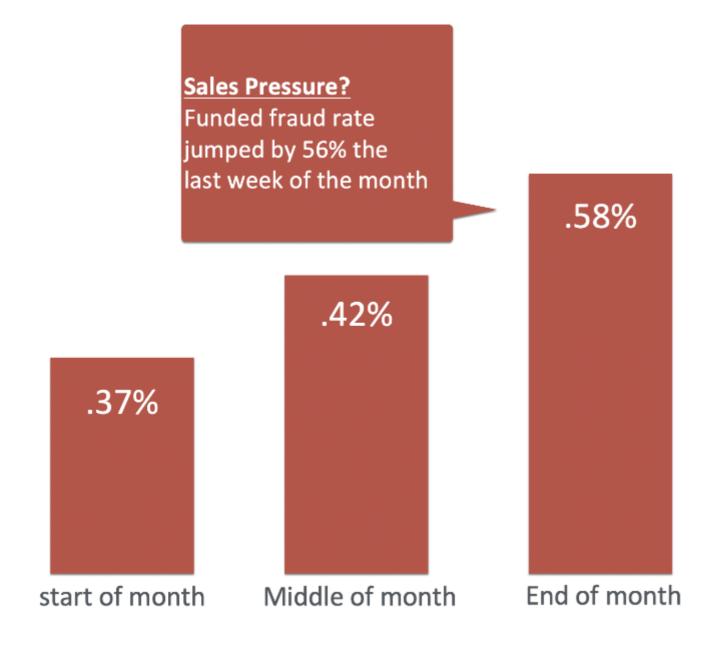
1 fraud car loan cost



**10 GOOD LOANS** 



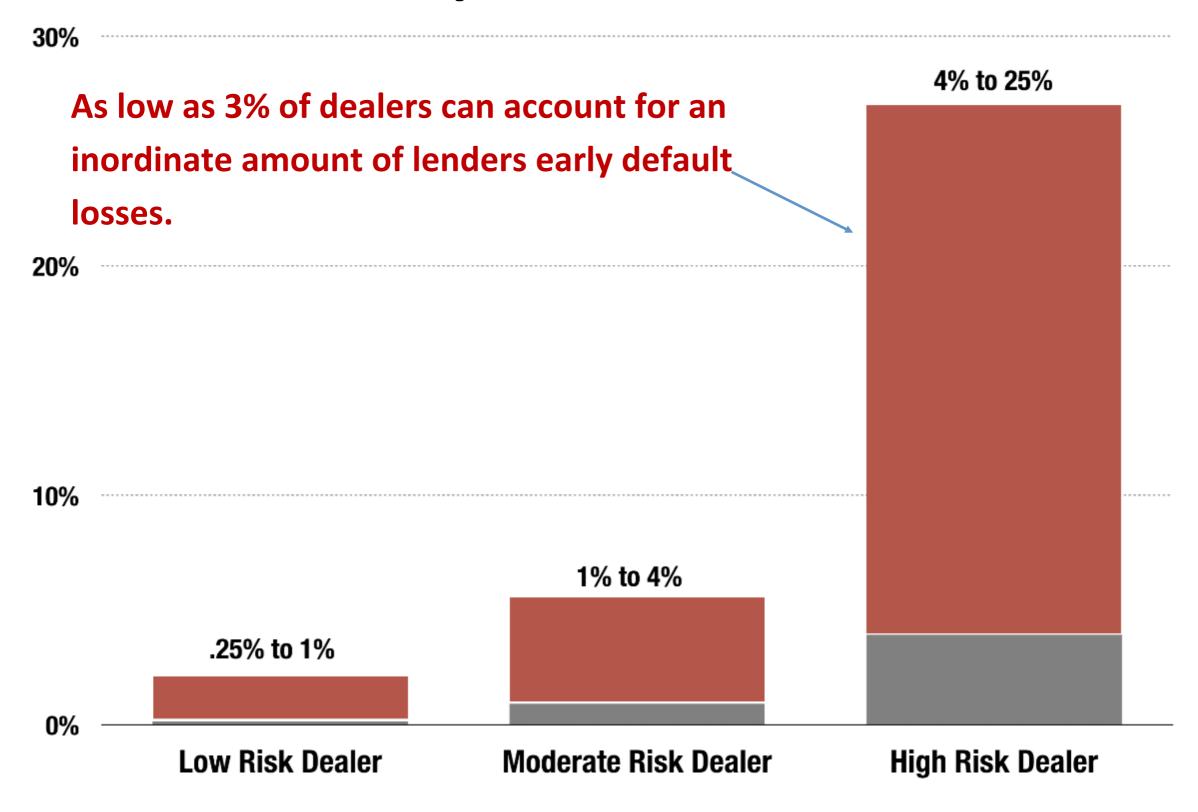
## **Dealerships Can Develop Toxic Sales Culture**



Part of Month	Measured Fraud Rate
Day 1-5 Start of Month	37 basis points
Day 6-25 Middle of Month	42 basis points
End of Month	58 basis points



## The Lender Perspective



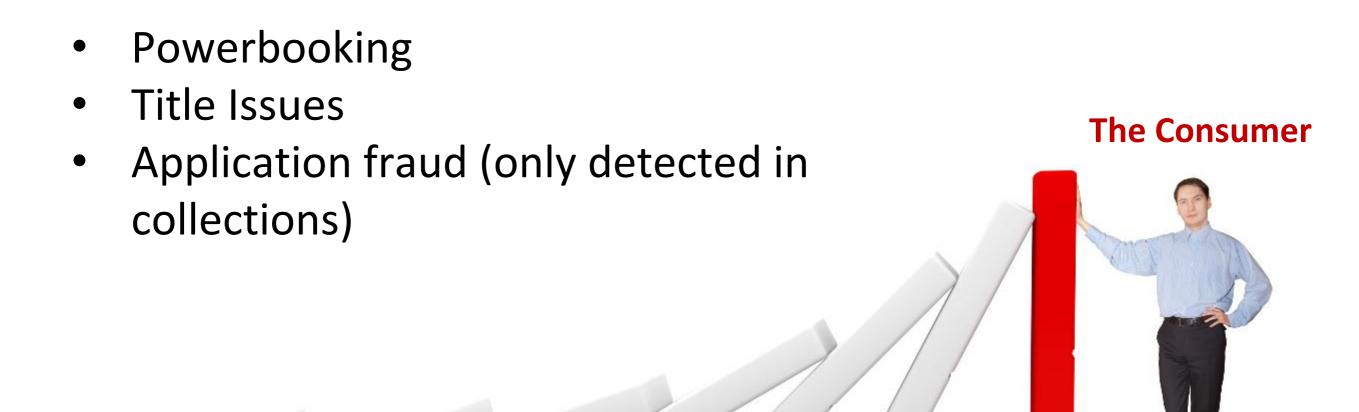
## The Lender Perspective

Dealers can perpetrate fraud for long periods of time by moving from lender to lender.

Lender	Year of Lending	Fraud Default Rate
Lender A	2014	21%
Lender B	2016	17%
Lender C	2017	21%
Lender D	2017	12%

## The Consumer Perspective

The Consumer impact of dealer fraud domino effect ultimately ends up impacting the consumer the most of all.



## The Consumer Perspective

Bad Dealers At Lenders Have Poor Ratings by Consumers As Well. The data needs to be tied together to help lenders and dealers understand their risk.



**Risky Dealers** 



**Non-Risky Dealers** 

**High Fraud Rates (> 10%)** 

High EPD Rates (> 9%)

Consumer Rating \*



Reviews on < 30% (Mostly Bad)

**Low Fraud Rates (< 0.5%)** 

**Low EPD Rates (< 0.5%)** 

Consumer Rating ★ 🖈 ★

**Reviews on 100% (Mostly Good)** 

# The Impact of Dealer Fraud

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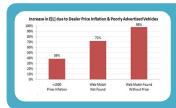
NMAC vs. Nissan Manhattan



Ford Motor Credit vs. Reagor-Dykes



USA vs. Hallman Chevrolet



Fraud vs. Risk



#### Detecting fraud using Internet Data











You can track any Franchise or Independent even those missing from typical data providers



#### NMAC vs. Nissan Manhattan



#### N.Y. dealerships owe Nissan captive \$40 million

October 10, 2018 @ 10:37 am Eric Freedman



Photo credit: RLOOMRERG









Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp. is entitled to more than \$40 million from several New York dealerships, their operating managers and their guarantors after the parties defaulted on floorplan, mortgage and revolving lines of credit loans, and personal guarantees, a federal judge ruled last month.

Re: Notice of Suspension of Wholesale Credit Lines and Demand for Payment

Dear Mr. Flom:

Reference is made to the Demand Letter dated October 10, 2016 ("Demand") from Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation ("NMAC") to ACIM NY, LLC, ALIM NY, LLC, MTKN, LLC and White Plains Auto Company, LLC. ("Dealerships"). All terms not defined in this notice letter ("Notice") have the meanings assigned to them in the Demand.

The Dealerships have failed to cure the Events of Default detailed in the Demand.

In addition, the following further Events of Default have occurred under the Loan Documents:

1. On October 17, 2016, an Electronic Invoice Payment Presentation in the amount of \$7,612.56 submitted to NMAC by the Manhattan Nissan Dealership was returned unpayable to NMAC because of non-sufficient funds.



#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Court GRANTS NMAC's motion for

damages. Pursuant to this Court's previous rulings, NMAC is entitled to damages

in the amount of \$40,183,836.19.

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this

Order and this Court's previous Opinion & Order, dated May 8, 2018 (ECF No. 462).

The Clerk of Court is also directed to terminate this action with regard to NMAC.

SO ORDERED.

Dated:

New York, New York September 11, 2018

> KATHERINE B. FORREST United States District Judge

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#### NMAC vs. Nissan Manhattan

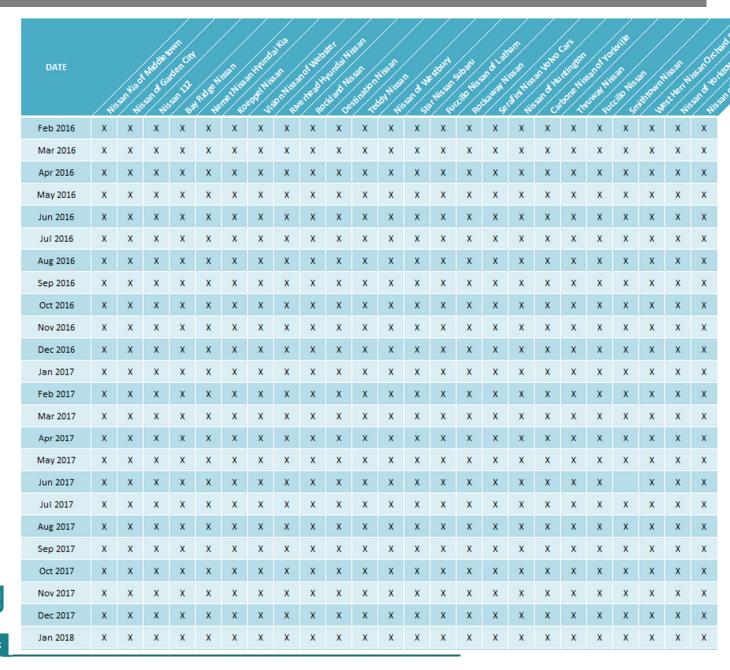
Web crawling shows stress and financial problems at the Nissan Manhattan Group dealers.

DATE	Nissan Manhattan	Infiniti Manhattan	White Plains Nissan	Nissan Mt. Kisco			
Feb 2016	X	X	X		X		
Mar 2016	X	X	X		X		
Apr 2016	X	X	X	X	X		
May 2016			X	X	X		
Jun 2016	X	X	X	X	X		
Jul 2016	X	X	X	X	X		
Aug 2016			X	X	X		
Sep 2016			X	X			
Oct 2016			X	X	X		
Nov 2016		X	X	X	X		
Dec 2016		X	X	X	X		
Jan 2017		X		X	X		
Feb 2017				X			
Mar 2017				X	X		
Apr 2017					X		
May 2017					X		
Jun 2017					X		
Jul 2017					X		
Aug 2017					X		



#### NMAC vs. Nissan Manhattan

How did other NY area Nissan dealers look?





#### Ford Motor Credit vs. Reagor-Dykes



NEWS WEATHER CHIME IN TRAFFIC SPORTS SPOTLIGHT KVII CIRCA

## Court documents say Reagor-Dykes fraud could be among largest in U.S. history

"Ford sued Reagor Dykes on July 31, 2018 with allegations of fraud and default .... [The] dealerships manipulated sales records to make it look like the dealership did not owe money on vehicles that already sold."





#### Ford Motor Credit vs. Reagor-Dykes

Web crawling shows
Reagor-Dykes cycles inventory
between locations
5x-10x more than other major
dealership groups
(between May-June 2018)





Dealer Group	State	Locations	Cars	Moved	Moved %		
Reagor Dykes	TX	11	2,236	255	11%		
Russ Darrow	WI	17	3,043	96	3%		
Herb Chambers	MA	33	5,106	107	2%		
Mac Haik	TX	18	4,415	50	1%		
Cochran	PA	16	1,976	22	1%		
Mossy CA		13	1,779	19	1%		



#### USA vs. Hallman Chevrolet

#### Hallman auto dealership in Erie to pay \$2.1 million in fraud case



#### MOST POPULAR

- 1 President Trump wraps up Erie rally Oct 10 at 9:29 PM
- 2 Vote for the Breakout Athletes of the Week

Oct 10 at 1:30 PM

- 3 Trump returns to Erie
- 4 Volunteers regrouping search efforts



BUY PHOTO

▲ HIDE CAPTION

Hallman Chevrolet, on State Street in Erie, has agreed to pay a \$1.4 million fine and \$737,000 in restitution to end a federal fraud prosecution. [MADELEINE O'NEILL/ ERIE TIMES-NEWS]

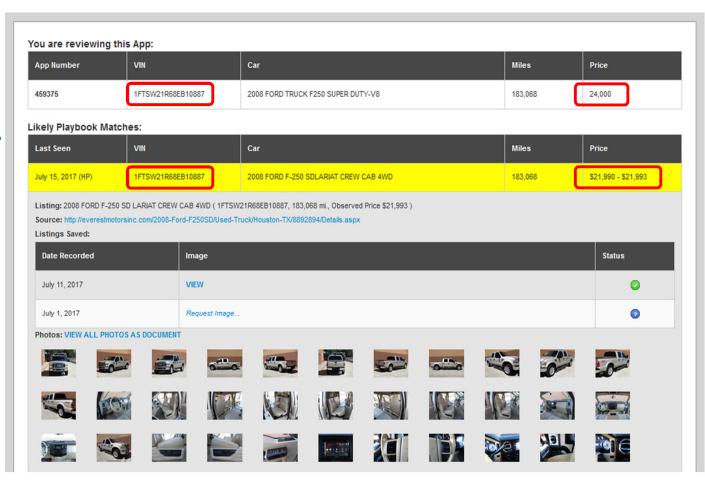


"[Hallman] admitted to a fraud scheme that involved inflating the price of vehicles sold to subprime consumers"

#### USA vs. Hallman Chevrolet

Web crawling let's you capture the advertised price.

It lets you <u>prove</u> the dealer inflated the sale price

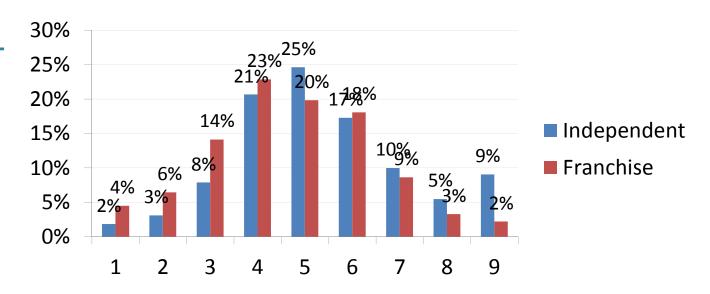


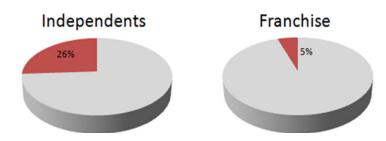


#### USA vs. Hallman Chevrolet

It turns out dealers
use price inflation on subprime consumers
all the time:

It's \$1,000 or worse on 14%-24% of loan apps





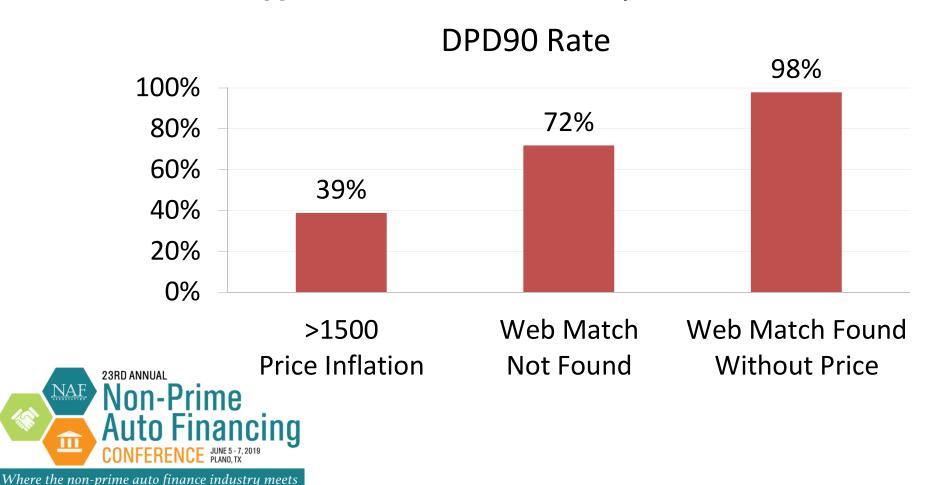


% of Dealers where price inflation > \$1000 on average (e.g. the really bad dealers)

#### Fraud vs. Risk

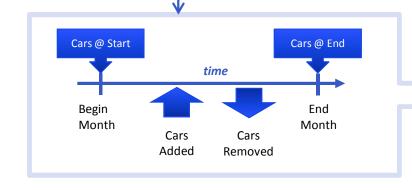
What is the cost of price inflation (fraud) for lenders? What about the cost of unwitting consumers?

Increase in E[L] due to Dealer Price Inflation & Poorly Advertised Vehicles



# Web crawling data is easy to work with. It reveals business stress / inventory turn / fraud

	High Level Info About this Analysis			What happened on the website during last Month						Price Stats					
	Oldest	Newest Record s	,-	Total cars t Observed in Month	Count at Start on Month	Added During Month	Removed During Month	Count at End of Month	Count Remained	Has Price	Has Price Pct.	Price 10%	Price 50%	Price 90%	Has Miles
	Record														
	7.	•													
FLORIDA TRUCK SALES	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	4	129	101	28	32	97	74	128	99%	5,995	16,950	32,545	12
TAMPA AUTO SOURCE	10/19/2017	11/30/2017	5	37	27	10	7	30	20	37	100%	8,586	10,883	13,079	3
RAY'S QUALITY AUTO SALES	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	1	36	19	17	9	27	13	36	100%	5,745	9,995	16,495	3
CAR DEPOT OF MIRAMAR	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	2	320	276	44	36	284	250	294	92%	8,185	13,898	23,999	31
DEECO'S AUTO GROUP	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	5	71	46	25	30	41	22	71	100%	7,850	15,880	21,880	6
JT AUTO	10/19/2017	11/30/2017	0	118	104	14	93	25	15	68	58%	6,988	8,938	12,607	11
LUXURY AUTO MALL	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	0	190	145	45	44	130	97	179	94%	6,999	13,998	21,198	18
WORLD CAR CENTER & FINANCII	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	0	205	136	69	79	122	80	204	100%	9,430	11,995	14,995	20
THE CONNECTION MOTORS INC	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	0	102	74	28	1	101	73						
KINGS AUTO GROUP (FL)	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	4	99	79	20	70	29	20	98	99%	4,911	8,665	14,775	9
RIKERS AUTO SALES	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	0	217	103	114	91	124	48	207	95%	7,453	10,000	16,000	21
MOTOR CARS OF STUART	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	1	48	32	16	21	27	17	48	100%	12,995	23,995	47,595	4
AUTOSPORTS	9/26/2017	11/30/2017	0	177	147	30	38	139	111	173	98%	3,900	8,900	19,500	16
PRE-AUCTION AUTO SALES	10/19/2017	11/30/2017	0	177	114	63	101	76	35	174	98%	3,988	5,988	11,993	8
METROCARS MIAMI	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	16	37	33	4	27	10	6	33	89%	5,991	9,995	16,655	3
VICTORY AUTO GROUP	10/19/2017	11/30/2017	2	89	77	12	64	25	19	89	100%	3,950	7,950	14,000	8
A LUXURY AUTOS	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	0	294	187	107	99	192	121	283	96%	9,197	14,997	25,997	29
VERONICA'S AUTO SALES	10/19/2017	11/30/2017	22	18	14	4	5	13	9	18	100%	4,995	7,100	9,117	1
TILLMAN AUTO LLC	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	1	129	66	63	62	67	28	128	99%	10,990	13,990	19,990	12
GLOBAL MOTOR	10/19/2017	11/30/2017	12	18	13	5	8	10	7	17	94%	2,797	6,995	13,795	1
C & F AUTO SALES	9/17/2017	11/30/2017	3	67	49	18	18	49	31	67	100%	6,035	10,025	12,604	6



Biz Stats...

- Lot size
- Turn over
- Acquisition rate
- Inventory Mix



# Web crawling data is easy to work with. It reveals business stress / inventory turn / fraud

#### The Future of Fraud (Lenders vs. Consumers)

Fraudster dealers seek the path of least resistance.

They can either steal from lenders or consumers.

If lenders protect themselves effectively, the fraudsters will go after consumers.

Therefore, the future of fraud means protecting consumers





# Enforcement, Remedies, and Liability for Fraud

Legal Questions



## **Key Questions**

For any fraudulent activity, key questions are:

- What are Lender's enforcement rights to mitigate financial losses?
  - Public right and private right
  - Criminal laws outside the scope
- What is the Lender's legal exposure for other's fraud?
  - To authorities
  - To consumers
  - To third parties



## **Major Laws**

- Lenders often enforce their rights against dealers and borrowers under contract and tort law
- Lenders can be liable for violations of:

UDAP/UDAAP and state counterparts

TILA and state counterparts

Laws protecting certain classes (elders, servicemembers)

Equal Credit Opportunity Act

Fair Debt Collection Act

Usury law



## **Bad Borrowers**

- Examples of bad acts
  - Credit washing, credit busting
- Public enforcement (State AGs, DOJ, FBI, US Attorney)
  - Criminal acts: RICO, mail & wire fraud, identity theft, bank fraud. With penalties of \$ 1,000,000 in fines or imprisonment not more than 30 years
- Private enforcement
  - Lender has contract remedies (repossession) but lawsuit may not be cost effective
- Case Example: 2015 credit washing incident, charged fraudster with mail fraud, identity theft, financial institution fraud, and forgery.



## **Bad Dealers**

- Examples of bad acts
  - Misreps re: borrower or collateral, add-ons, exploitation of protected borrowers, discrimination, disclosure violations
- Public enforcement (FTC, DOJ, State AGs, BCFP):
  - UDAP/UDAAP, servicemember law, elder law, ECOA, & TILA
- Private enforcement:
  - Lender has contract and tort law (fraud) remedies
- Lender liability:
  - UDAP, TILA, state consumer protection laws for participating in fraud with dealer



## **Bad Dealer Examples**

- Income/collateral misrep:
  - Lender sued dealer for negligent misrep for income, collateral (vehicle add-ons), residency, signature misreps
     Capital One v. Fenton Motors of Dallas (2019)
  - Lender sued dealer over falsified down payments, powerbooking
     Capital One v. Coad Toyota (2018)
  - FBI/DOJ pursued dealer Hallman Chevrolet for fraudulent down payment scheme and hiding source of down payments on lending contracts

# When Bad Borrowers Meet Bad Dealers

- Examples of bad acts
  - Straw purchasers, export schemes, income misrepresentation
- Public enforcement (US Atty, DOJ, State AG's):
  - Federal and state criminal laws
- Private enforcement:
  - Lenders pursue dealers under contract and tort law
  - Cars may be out of reach for repossession (export schemes)
- Dealers prohibited from vehicle exports in franchise agreements but might take kickbacks/participate in scheme
- Example: Lender pursued dealer using straw purchaser and exporting cars to China. Could not recover vehicles abroad



## **OBP – Other Bad People**

- Examples of third-party bad acts:
  - Impound fraud, title fraud, unauthorized payments
- Public enforcement (DOJ, US Atty, State AGs):
  - Federal or state criminal laws
- Private enforcement:
  - Bonding collateral & demanding impound go to court
- Lender Liability:
  - None but lender gets hit with the post-purchase fraud loss



## **Lender Liability Examples**

- Income misrep:
  - Lender liable for employee involved in scheme over false pay stubs & downpayments. Knapp v. Americredit (2003)
- Disclosure violations:
  - MA AG consent judgment against finance co. for funding with knowledge of dealership misdeeds and disclosure violations. Sensible Auto Lending (2018)
- Disclosure/add-on misrep:
  - Lenders liable for misreps and add-on disclosures.
     Wells Fargo CFPB/OCC settlement
- Improper servicemember repossession:
  - DOJ pursued lender for violations of SCRA



## Conclusion

In addition to financial losses, importance of identifying and preventing fraud may be best demonstrated by lender's potential liability despite limited options for recourse.



## More information?

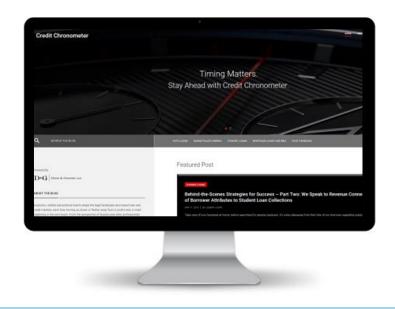
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