

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 8:24-cv-1626-KKM-AAS

START CONNECTING LLC, d/b/a USA  
Student Debt Relief, a Florida limited  
liability company;

START CONNECTING SAS, d/b/a USA  
Student Debt Relief, a Colombia  
corporation;

DOUGLAS R. GOODMAN, individually  
and as an officer of START  
CONNECTING LLC;

DORIS E. GALLON-GOODMAN,  
individually and as an officer of START  
CONNECTING LLC; and

JUAN S. ROJAS, individually and as an  
officer of START CONNECTING LLC  
and START CONNECTING SAS,

Defendants.

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**RECEIVER'S NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY**

The Court-appointed Receiver Jared J. Perez, pursuant to Local Rule 3.01(i), hereby provides this Court with notice of the following supplemental authority, with respect to the Receiver's Motion for an Order to Show Cause Why Hamlet Garcia Jr. Should Not be Held in Contempt of Court (Doc. 179).

1. *Citation:*

Order Granting Defendant's Motion for Continuance, *Hamlet Garcia II, v. Jared J. Perez*, Case No.: 25-003322-SC, Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit in and for Pinellas County, Florida, Small Claims Division. (**Exhibit 1** to this Notice).

2. *Document, pages, and lines of issue/argument that the supplemental authority supports:*

Doc. 179 at 12-25, *passim*; Doc. 191 at 7.

3. *Succinct quotation from authority:*

"Following Judge Mizelle's ruling, the Court will entertain a motion to dismiss this case, if appropriate, based on the contents of the federal court order, among other potential arguments." (Ex. 1 at 1).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that on August 15, 2025, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system, which served all counsel of record. Defendants Juan S. Rojas and Start Connecting SAS were served by email. The following *pro se*, non-party was served by email: Hamlet Garcia, Jr., [hamletgarciajr@gmail.com](mailto:hamletgarciajr@gmail.com).

**s/ Matthew J. Mueller**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION**

HAMLET GARCIA, II,  
Plaintiff,

Case No.: 25-003322-SC

v.

JARED J. PEREZ,  
Defendant.

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**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

The cause came before the Court without a hearing upon the Defendant’s Motion for Continuance, in the above- captions case. The Court having reviewed the Court file, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

The Defendant’s Motion for Continuance is **GRANTED** and the pretrial conference is rescheduled for at least 90 days from August 5, 2025 – *i.e.*, on or after November 3, 2025. If necessary, further extensions will be granted to allow for a ruling by the Honorable Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida on the Federal Receiver’s Motion for an Order to Show Cause Why Hamlet Garcia Jr. [*i.e.*, Hamlet Garcia II] Should Not be Held in Contempt of Court, which was filed on April 11, 2025, and is currently pending in *F.T.C. v. Start Connecting, LLC, et al.*, M.D. Fla. Case No. 8:4-cv-1626-KKM-AAS [Doc. 179]. Following Judge Mizelle’s ruling, the Court will entertain a motion to dismiss this case, if appropriate, based on the contents of the federal court order, among other potential arguments.

DONE AND ORDERED on \_\_\_\_\_.

Electronically Conformed 8/5/2025

John Carassas

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County Court Judge