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78-year-old claims he was duped by Internet start-up

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A 78-year-old man has filed suit against an Internet company, alleging the company failed to start an Internet business after he paid them more than \$30,000.

William K. Sigler claims he authorized Epic Commerce be allowed to make monthly charges to three of his credit cards of at least \$40,000 beginning in February 2008 in exchange for an Internet marketing business.

"Plaintiff is retired and was seeking to use a substantial portion of his life savings in order to start a business that he could pass on to his children and/or grandchildren," the suit states.

Since he sought the advice of Epic Commerce in 2008, Sigler continues to pay substantial amounts to Epic Commerce. However, the company has not provided the three Web sites it agreed to, according to a complaint filed Oct. 30 in St. Clair County Circuit Court.

In addition, Epic Commerce "agreed to be financially responsible for advertising by radio and television and that Plaintiff would receive close supervision, including the services of a marketing agent in regard to the establishment and operation of the new business enterprise of Plaintiff," the suit states.

Sigler claims he demanded a return of his money, but Epic has refused to return the money.

"The representations and statements of the Defendant and agents and employees of the Defendant, were false and untrue," the suit states.

In the three-count suit, Sigler is seeking a judgment in excess of \$100,000 and other relief the court deems just.

He is also seeking either a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction and/or a permanent injunction.

Edward J. Blake, Jr. of Blake and Allen in Belleville will be representing him.

St. Clair County Circuit Court case number: 08-L-0552.

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