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9 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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11 PUZZLE FINANCIAL, INC.

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 PATRICK DANIEL STOICA

15 Respondent.  
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Case No.

**DECLARATION OF SASHA ORLOFF  
IN SUPPORT OF PUZZLE  
FINANCIAL, INC.'S PETITION FOR  
WORKPLACE VIOLENCE  
RESTRAINING ORDER**

1 I, Sasha Orloff, declare:

2 1. I am the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Puzzle Financial, Inc. ("Puzzle").  
3 I provide this declaration in support of Puzzle's Petition for a Workplace Violence Restraining  
4 Order in the above-captioned matter. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein. If  
5 called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth in this declaration.

6 2. I am bringing this Petition for a Workplace Violence Restraining Order against  
7 Patrick Daniel Stoica because he has been stalking and harassing me, my employees, my family,  
8 and my business partners. True and correct copies of relevant documents are attached as exhibits  
9 to this declaration. The background is as follows.

10 3. Patrick Daniel Stoica is a former employee of Puzzle who was separated from the  
11 Company on or around May 31, 2023. During the end of his employment with Puzzle, Patrick  
12 began acting erratically and posting about his drug use. As a result of this disruptive behavior,  
13 Patrick was offered paid time off, but he ultimately resigned from the company. Patrick declined  
14 Puzzle's standard separation agreement, which he has since characterized as "Rico-level" release  
15 in his recent LinkedIn posts about the matter.

16 4. Shortly after Patrick's separation from Puzzle, he began posting threatening and  
17 defamatory messages about Puzzle on the Internet and social media. For example, on August 6,  
18 2023, Patrick tagged Puzzle on X and posted "rip ted kaczynski. an unfortunate way to get your  
19 message out, but he was right" (Ex. A). At the time, I felt threatened because Patrick was  
20 referencing Ted Kaczynski, also known as the Unabomber, who killed 3 people, including several  
21 executives in the name of his anti-capitalist beliefs. The next day at 1:03 a.m., Patrick tweeted  
22 "will I die or go bankrupt thanks to a bank cofounder? Stay tuned." (Ex. B.) In both tweets,  
23 Patrick used the X/Twitter handle @LendUPGlobal and the logo of LendUp, a company where I  
24 was a CEO from November 2011 to December 2018. Patrick has been especially and alarmingly  
25 focused on LendUp, partly, it seems, because the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau engaged  
26 in enforcement action against the company several years ago and ceased the company's ability to  
27 lend.

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1           5.       Based on these and other extensive posts concerning me and Puzzle, on August 11,  
2       2023, Puzzle sent a cease-and-desist letter to Patrick. (Ex. C.) Following this letter, Patrick  
3       appeared to stand down and stop his postings or confine them to less publicly available locations.

4           6.       In November 2025, Patrick resurfaced and began posting and sending increasingly  
5       obsessive and disturbing messages daily, some containing detailed threats against me and my  
6       employees. On November 11, 2025, Puzzle sent another cease-and-desist letter, which Patrick  
7       posted on LinkedIn and said he would ignore. (Ex. D.) Patrick then escalated his disturbing and  
8       threatening behavior. For example, on November 20, 2025, Patrick posted the location of where  
9       one of my employees was attending a women's event on LinkedIn and told her "enjoy your last  
10      days in the tech industry" (Ex. E, posted on LinkedIn on November 20, 2025.) Puzzle again  
11      requested (via email) that Patrick cease his threatening posting, but he instead doubled down.

12          7.       Most recently, on December 8, 2025, his postings took an even more disturbing  
13      turn. Patrick began posting pictures of Puzzle employees on LinkedIn while tagging the  
14      individuals, editorializing about them, and including comments that employees will "face  
15      consequences." (Ex. F, picture posted on LinkedIn on December 8, 2025, along with other recent  
16      postings tagging employees.) He also posted a picture of me at an industry event. (Ex. G, posted  
17      on LinkedIn on December 8, 2025.) Employees have also reached out to me to forward Patrick's  
18      threats via text and email and expressed concerns about the contact. One employee targeted by  
19      Patrick has asked if they are safe.

20          8.       On December 9, 2025, Patrick made it clear he has no plans to stop, posting  
21      numerous threats on X, including warning Puzzle partners that "I WILL PUT PRESSURE ON  
22      YOU DAILY UNTIL YOU WAKE THE FUCK UP" and referring to a "hitman." (Ex. H, posted  
23      on X on December 9, 2025.)

24          9.       Patrick has also harassed my wife at her place of work. For example, on or around  
25      December 4, 2025, he sent messages to the CEO and HR employees of her company threatening  
26      her job. He has also tracked her LinkedIn and referenced her likes and posts in emails, on his  
27      blog, and on his social media pages.

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10. In recent weeks, in addition to his daily postings on LinkedIn about me and Puzzle, Patrick has also documented his harassment and threats in a 700+-page manifesto focused on Puzzle and me, which is available at <https://patrickstoica.com/puzzle-statement/>, complete with tabs and footnotes. On that page, Patrick has posted minute-by-minute accounts of my social media postings and whereabouts, claimed false ties between Puzzle and Russian Intelligence, Israel, or Benjamin Netanyahu (Puzzle does not have such ties), and posted comments like "This is what breaking looks like when you refuse to disappear." He recently updated his manifesto to reference hiring "a hitman," a "declining will to live," and the locations of a Puzzle booth at an industry event (<https://patrickstoica.com/puzzle-statement/>). He also lists the names of dozens of Puzzle employees and business partners. Patrick has been banned from Wikipedia for editing the Puzzle Wikipedia page with false information.

11. Other examples of troubling actions by Patrick include:

- a. Posting that he has "received minimal support and understanding from friends, family, and media . . . so I took this into my own hands. I have nothing left to lose." (Ex. I, posted on LinkedIn on November 25, 2025).
- b. Posting across LinkedIn, X and his blog about drug use and hearing voices (See, e.g. Ex. J: "i'm not crazy. The more voices, the better . . . i can't get a job because I can't trust anyone, I can't get a reference, I can't do anything with my days . . . i get rejected as soon as people see my linkedin.")
- c. Tweeting "in the meantime, I'll be racking up my 'mental illness' defense." (Ex. K.)
- d. Posting that he "bought sashaorloff.com" and "i will make sure no one ever works for you again" (Ex. L.)

12. Patrick has also sent dozens of unhinged emails to my business partners, and posted across LinkedIn and X, threatening them if they continue to do business with me and making false claims that Puzzle is a criminal enterprise. Some examples of recent emails and postings are attached as Ex. M.

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14. I am alarmed and fear for the personal safety of me, my family, and Puzzle's employees and partners, including at home and on Puzzle premises. This is based on Patrick's recent threatening posts targeting employees, the litany of harassment and threats from Patrick described above, and his expressed plans to mount a "mental illness defense" and warnings that employees will "face consequences" and that they should enjoy their "final days in tech."

15. I also fear that Patrick may come to Puzzle's offices or events, looking to harm me, my company, or my employees or partners. He has made repeated harassing and threatening posts and has repeatedly threatened to destroy Puzzle. He has made clear that he intends to continue to intimidate me, my employees, and partners, short of a Court Order. I believe Patrick poses an imminent threat of violence to me, my employees, and my family.

14 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the  
15 foregoing is true and correct.

16 Executed this the 15th of December 2025, at San Francisco, CA.

Sasha Orloff

**Sasha Orloff**

**EXHIBIT A**



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← Tweet



**Puzzle Financial** ✨ x **Mission Lane** ✨ ✨ ...  
@LendUPGlobal

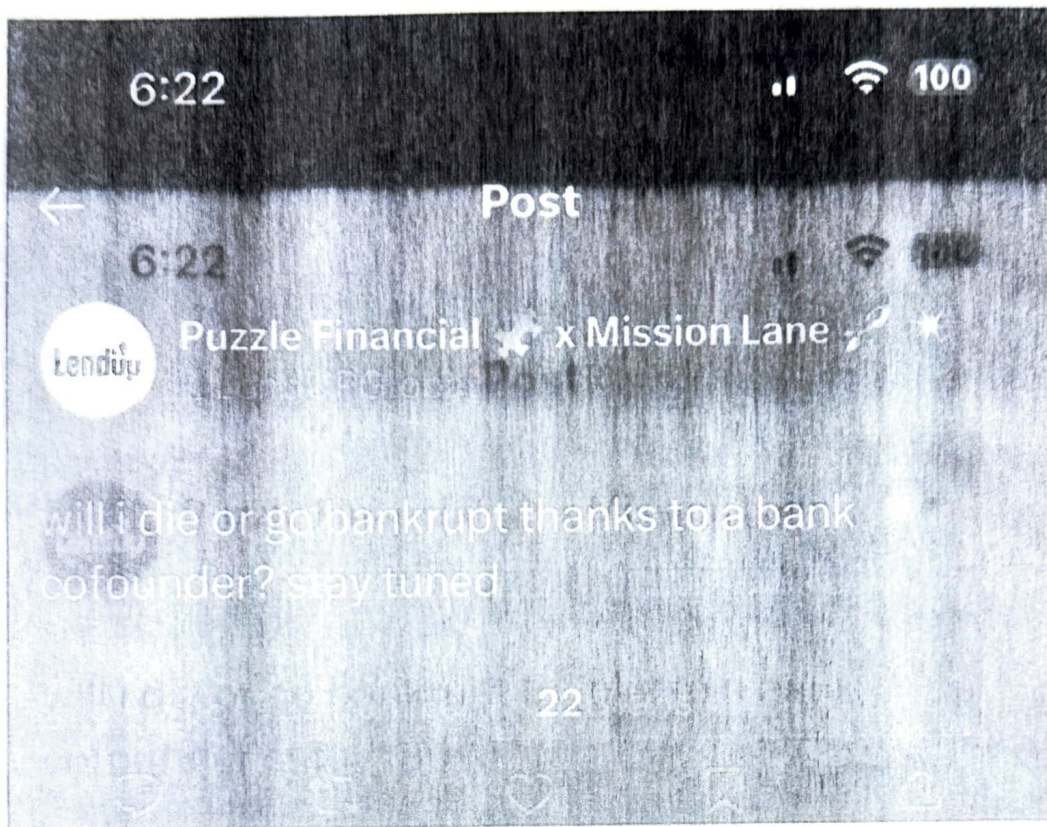
rip ted kaczynski. an unfortunate way to get your  
message out, but he was right

3:06 PM · Aug 6, 2023 · 45 Views



Post your reply!

Reply



bank cofounder  
=  
Nigel Morris  
NOT SASHA  
★ suicide bomber framing



**EXHIBIT C**



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August 11, 2023

**Via Overnight Mail and E-mail**

Patrick Stoica  
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patark@icloud.com  
hipatark@gmail.com

Re: Post-Employment Obligations to Puzzle Financial, Inc.

Dear Mr. Stoica:

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP represents Puzzle Financial, Inc. ("Puzzle" or the "Company") in connection with your breach of your continuing post-termination obligations to the Company and your damaging, threatening, and defamatory statements about the Company and its senior leadership.

Please direct all communications regarding this matter to me.

Based on the Company's investigation, it has reasonable grounds to believe that you have made several postings that publicly disclosed Company business confidential information in violation of the terms of the Confidential Information Agreement, which is enclosed. By accusing the Company and its senior leadership of fraud and conspiracy, your postings also give rise to defamation claims by the Company and its leadership against you. Your representations and handles using the term "Puzzle Financial" violate Puzzle's trademarks. You also appear to be threatening senior leadership.

The Company is continuing its investigation into your online activity.

In the meantime, on behalf of Puzzle we demand that you immediately cease and desist: (i) further violating of your continuing confidentiality obligations; (ii) posting statements that are damaging to the Company and defamatory in nature, including on Twitter (X), LinkedIn and Linktree; (iii) inducing co-workers to share confidential information with you in breach of their agreements; (iv) using the Puzzle Financial designation and any confusingly similar designation as part of any trademark, service mark, domain, or social media handle in connection with any products or services; and (v) issuing threats, whether veiled or overt, to senior leadership.

We also demand an immediate take down of all postings made by you on social media, whether with or without attribution, that violate your legal obligations to the Company or threaten or defame its employees.



The conduct you've already engaged in—or are threatening to undertake in the future—could serve as a basis for claims of, among other things, breach of contract, theft of trade secrets, misappropriation, defamation, invasion of privacy, harassment, stalking, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. These actions could expose you to significant statutory, punitive and other damages, and attorneys' fees—along with criminal charges.

These matters are of paramount importance to the Company. If you continue to engage in these threats and actions, or if you otherwise breach your contractual obligations, Puzzle is prepared to take all steps necessary to defend its rights to the fullest extent permitted by law. If your conduct escalates, we may have no choice but to seek a workplace violence restraining/stayaway order, which will be a public proceeding and permit us to call the police and have you arrested anytime you violate it.

Nothing in or omitted from this letter shall constitute a limitation, restriction, or waiver of any of Puzzle's rights or remedies, whether at law or in equity, in connection with the subject matter of this letter, all of which Puzzle hereby expressly reserves.

If you have an attorney, that individual should feel free to contact me to discuss these issues further.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Lisa M. Bowman

Lisa M. Bowman

Enclosure (Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement)

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**EXHIBIT D**





November 11, 2025

**Via E-Mail**

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hipatark@gmail.com

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Re: Unlawful Defamation, Interference, and Breaches of Post-Employment Obligations to Puzzle Financial, Inc.

Dear Patrick:

As we have previously informed you, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP represents Puzzle Financial, Inc. ("Puzzle" or the "Company"). Please direct all communications regarding this matter to me.

We write regarding your recent communications targeting Puzzle, its senior leadership, and its stakeholders, including a post on TeamBlind, a LinkedIn post, and emails sent on or about November 10 and 11, 2025 to investors and other affiliates. Your publications and outreach reprise the same themes the Company addressed with you in August 2023 and again contain false and inflammatory accusations that are defamatory on their face and designed to injure Puzzle's business and reputation. You also continue to contact third parties in ways that interfere with Puzzle's relationships, use confidential information, and appear intended to induce further breaches of confidentiality.

You are bound by your Confidential Information and Invention Assignment Agreement with Puzzle, executed November 16, 2021 (the "CIIAA"), which you signed and acknowledged. Among other things, Section 2 obligates you to hold Puzzle's Confidential Information in strict confidence and prohibits disclosure without written authorization. Violation of these obligations exposes you to monetary damages and recovery of Puzzle's attorneys' fees.

**Recent Misconduct and Ongoing Violations**

Based on the Company's investigation, Puzzle has reasonable grounds to believe that, since approximately November 5, 2025, you have: (1) published false statements accusing the Company and its leadership of criminal or fraudulent conduct at Puzzle; (2) communicated those statements directly to investors and other affiliates with an intent to interfere in contractual relationships; (3) used designations incorporating "Puzzle Financial" in ways that risk creating confusion as to source, affiliation, endorsement, sponsorship, or impersonation, particularly in communications directed toward investors; and (4) made postings that include Company confidential information, in violation of your continuing duties under the CIIAA.

In your August 2023 email exchange following the Company's prior cease-and-desist letter, you acknowledged wrongdoing, apologized for your conduct, and promised to "disengage" and "never write about this again." Despite these commitments, you have resumed the same harmful conduct, compounding the damage to Puzzle.

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#### **Demands**

Effective immediately, Puzzle demands that you:

1. Cease and desist from publishing, republishing, or otherwise disseminating or emailing any false, misleading, or defamatory statements concerning Puzzle, its current or former officers, directors, employees, or business practices, whether on social media (including but not limited to LinkedIn, X/Twitter, Linktree, and TeamBlind), via email, on Substack or through any other channel.
2. Cease and desist from any further violations of your confidentiality obligations, including any disclosure, use, solicitation, or inducement related to Company Confidential Information, as that term is defined in the CIIAA.
3. Cease and desist from contacting Puzzle's investors, customers, prospective customers, business partners, and current or former employees for the purpose of disseminating allegations about Puzzle or seeking confidential information.
4. Cease and desist from issuing any threats, veiled or explicit, toward Puzzle personnel, and from any harassing, stalking, or doxxing conduct.
5. Remove and permanently take down, within 48 hours of your receipt of this letter, all posts, pages, threads, videos, and emails authored or distributed by you (with or without attribution) that threaten, defame, or otherwise violate your legal obligations to the Company. This includes deleting any reposts or mirrored content on other platforms.

#### **Evidence Preservation Notice**

After you remove your posts, emails, and other communications from public view as required above, you must keep a copy of everything you have posted, sent, or distributed. Do not delete, destroy, or alter any originals or copies of these materials. You should simply make them inaccessible to the public and third parties but keep them saved in your files. These records may be needed for legal reasons. If you delete or destroy them, you could face legal penalties.

#### **Referral to Law Enforcement**

Puzzle is also evaluating your conduct for potential criminal implications, including reporting your conduct to appropriate law-enforcement authorities in San Francisco and New York. If your conduct continues, Puzzle will promptly pursue those referrals and cooperate fully with any criminal investigation into harassment, cyberstalking, extortion or coercion, identity or brand impersonation, and related offenses. Nothing in this letter limits Puzzle's ability to make a report immediately.

#### **Consequences of Noncompliance**

Your conduct provides Puzzle with claims for, among other things, breach of contract (CIIAA), misappropriation and theft of trade secrets, defamation and trade libel, tortious interference with contractual relations and prospective economic advantage, unfair competition, harassment, and stalking. If you do not immediately and fully comply with the demands above, Puzzle will promptly pursue all available remedies, including filing suit to seek temporary, preliminary, and permanent injunctive relief, damages (including special, general, statutory, and punitive damages), disgorgement, and recovery of attorneys' fees and costs where permitted by law and contract, and will refer your conduct to law-enforcement authorities for investigation as appropriate. Should your conduct escalate, Puzzle will also seek appropriate protective orders, including a workplace-violence restraining/stay-away order.



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MISDATED  
TEMPLATE

Nothing in or omitted from this letter is a waiver, limitation, or election of remedies. All rights, claims, and remedies are expressly reserved.

If you have an attorney, please feel free to have counsel contact me.

Very truly yours,

Lisa M. Bowman

**EXHIBIT E**





Patrick Stoica



Author

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she knows i know btw. enjoy your last days in the tech industry, Daria!



Dasha Shvachina  
GTM at @puzzle | Founder of @women Tech Meetup | THE GATEKEEPER | ...  
LinkedIn



Patrick Stoica

! puzzle.io whistleblower | toxic.systems  
admin · edited ·

Women Tech Meetup TONIGHT. the theme?

"tell Me I Can't"

CONTENT  
REMOVED



stop platforming fraud infrastructure  
WTM 11/20 sponsored by Puzzle | goodfin, SHACK15:  
<https://luma.com/hutt0p3v>

WOMEN  
Tech  
Meetup

goodfin



SHACK15



San Francisco

November 20th, 5:30 PM

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**EXHIBIT F**





Patrick Stoica ✓ • 3rd

Puzzle Co. • 57 posts • 100% likes

• Edited •

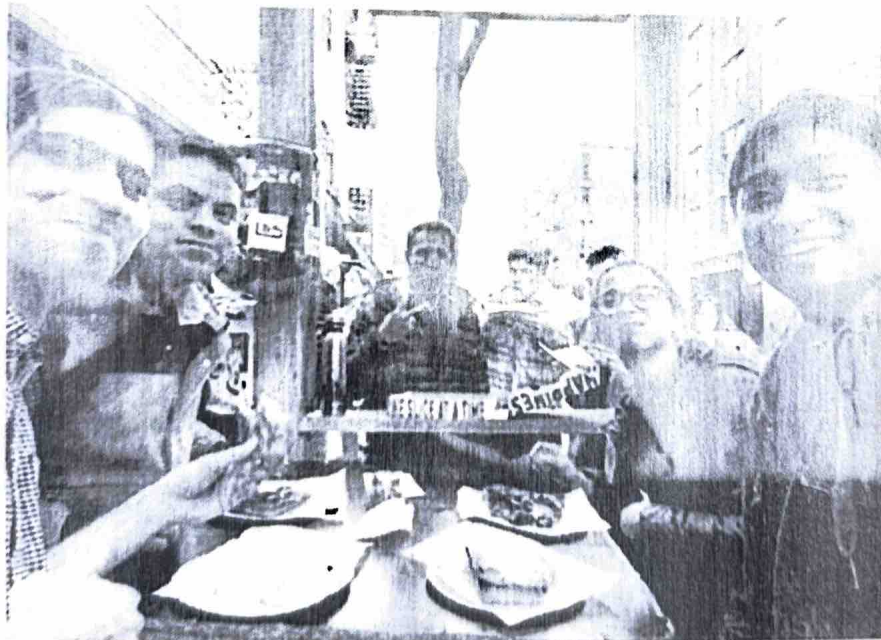
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If anyone has any doubts I worked with Sasha Orloff, here's a picture from 4/20/2022. Justin Cheng (on the right) is one of the only kind people I've met from Puzzle. Everyone else here? Not on speaking terms.

Left to right:

- Patrick Stoica (me: wrongfully terminated; suffering 2.5+ years of abuse)
- Beau Kuhn (suffered after I told HR the CTO was harassing him; wrongfully terminated months later; told not to speak to lawyers)
- Sasha Orloff (most evil person I've ever met)
- Tyler Geery (he asked me if I saw LendUp's shutdown; happened during off-site for narrative control; Sasha told him it was just some "Obama-era regulation" issue; still works there)
- Josh Scotland (barely visible; pretended to care for my well-being while not understanding he works for a fraud; still works there)
- Nazli Gungor (initially believed Sasha was a grifter based on TEDx talk; still worked there until September 2025; still likes posts)
- Justin Cheng (laid off before me; had to pack bags and leave America)

<https://inkd.in/ebvvJPd>





**Patrick Stoica**  

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**Marissa Mata has been Puzzle's recruiting lead since November 2023. She received fraud documentation November 11, 2025, including CFPB enforcement history (140,000 victims, \$40M restitution), photoshopped metrics, SEC complaint filing, and explicit liability warning for recruiters placing candidates at fraud companies. ...more**

Like 1 reply



**Patrick Stoica**  

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**Marissa Mata Your continued involvement is logged and not taken lightly. Are you sure you want to keep supporting Sasha Orloff? You're putting your career and reputation at risk. Good luck with your chosen path. This is not a threat. This is your third and final warning of the consequences you will likely face for continu ...more**

Like



**Blob Dylan** • 3rd+  
Designer at Freelance

(edited) 24m ...

**Barbara Jovanovic Puzzle is part of a criminal enterprise. Sasha Orloff must step down immediately, and firms will need to move customers off Puzzle. Sasha is a fraud; Puzzle cannot exist beyond that. Your incessant interactions with Sasha/Puzzle content, alongside Startup Cookie and Sam, have been logged. This is your final notice.**

<https://patrickstoica.com/puzzle-statement/>





Patrick Stoica

+ Follow

Y Combinator and Garry Tan allowed Sasha Orloff, a fraud and soon-to-be criminal, at the YC Alumni Demo Day. They also had a W12 batch reunion dinner.

YC and Ash Rust (Sterling Road) were notified of Sasha's fraud pattern in August 2023. They've since chosen silence and blocking (consciousness of guilt).

Ash is one of Puzzle's earliest investors. YC co-invests in lending with Sasha post-CFPB ban, funnels companies to Puzzle, and invests in Puzzle via their "YC Alumni Syndicate." All parties will face lawsuits and potential federal charges.

This is what the banality of evil looks like.

#Fraud #QuitBooks

<https://lnkd.in/ebevJPd>



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Patrick Stoica

+ Follow

MY NAME IS PATRICK STOICA. I'M A REAL FUCKING PERSON

I WAS A COG IN A "STARTUP" RICO ENTERPRISE

Like

Comment

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Patrick Stoica

CEO at Puzzle Financial  
5,000+ connections

+ Follow

Sasha Orloff is a fraud. Puzzle is #RICO enterprise software. Firms using Puzzle Financial are at high risk of reputational damage and customer lawsuits. Puzzle employees may face jail time or civil/asset forfeiture.

Accepting sponsorship money from Puzzle creates potential exposure:

- Proceeds may constitute racketeering activity under 18 U.S.C. § 981
- Association after notification constitutes knowing participation
- Organization's reputation now linked to documented federal fraud

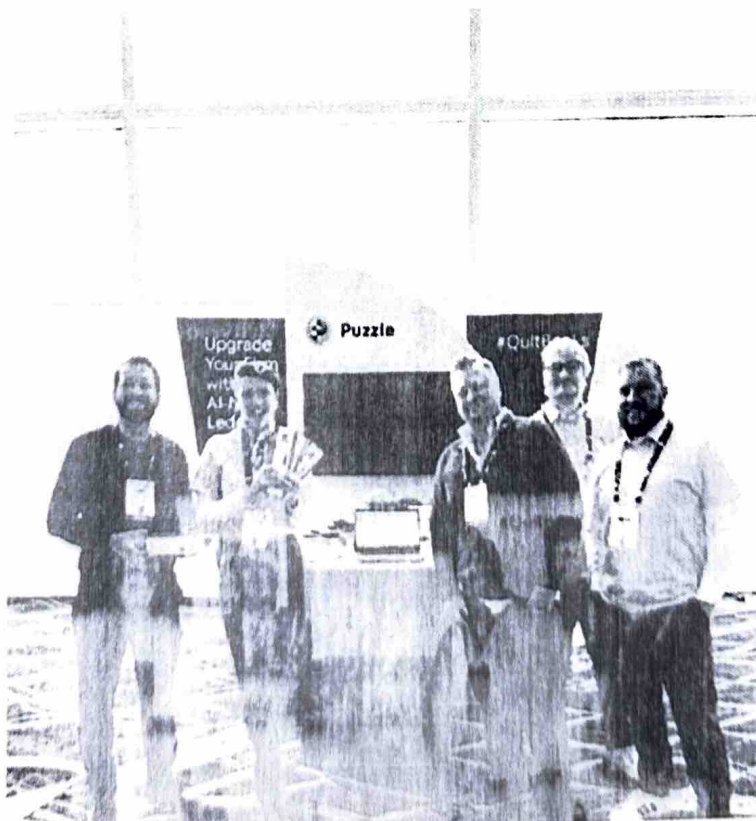
Supporting Puzzle through testimonials or even likes may be viewed as conspiring with a criminal enterprise.

Under 18 U.S.C. § 1962 (RICO) and 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c) (Obstruction), preserve all communications related to Puzzle Financial, Sasha Orloff, LendUp, and Mission Lane. Destruction of evidence after this notice constitutes federal obstruction. Continued participation after RICO notification constitutes knowing involvement in criminal enterprise.

These criminals choose to suppress evidence and warnings anyway.

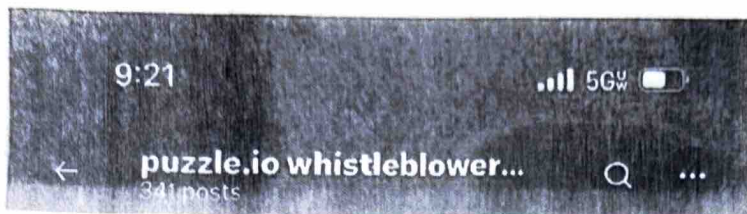
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**EXHIBIT H**



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@julianweisser YOUR CONTINUED  
SILENCE IS ALREADY EVIDENCE.  
BLOCKING SHOWS  
CONSCIOUSNESS OF GUILT. AT  
THIS POINT I WILL PUT PRESSURE  
ON YOU DAILY UNTIL YOU WAKE  
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you're literally exactly like sasha.  
waxing poetic about startup  
BULLSHIT all day on your timeline  
acting like you're a godsend to the  
community. as if your money brings  
anything good to this world. go fuck  
yourself bro.

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pattern of ongoing emotional distress  
inflicted by @sashaorloff,  
@puzzlefin, @julianweisser, frie  
and family: patrickstoica.com/  
puzzle-statement





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you can block me. that's just more evidence. i'm still emailing you and your crew, logging your continued hypocrisy. you're still guilty. facing jail time and/or asset forfeiture. or complete exile. you're conspiring with a fraud. 24/7

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@sashaorloff @puzzlefin  
@ycombinator and @openai are part of a hasbara network. narcissism. manipulation. emotional abuse. DARVO

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you either threaten police without refutation, blacklist for life, or hire a hitman. this is why im going public @sashaorloff

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does [@julianweisser](#) understand  
[@puzzlefin](#) is winding down this week  
and next? [@joinodf](#) and  
[@ycombinator](#) companies using  
[puzzle.io](#) must move their  
bookkeeping by the END OF THE  
MONTH

does he give a shit? no. you haven't  
for 22 fucking months, asshole



From puzzle.io



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**EXHIBIT I**



## Patrick Stoica's Post



Patrick Stoica

Head of AI at LendUp

20 likes

"this looks like AI psychosis," "you look like a disgruntled ex-employee with an injured ego," "why are you still giving these people your energy"

this is the majority of feedback i've received over the past 2 years. i've received minimal support and understanding from friends, family, and media. what looked like a silly "job breakup" is, in fact, systematic cover.

so i took this into my own hands. i have nothing left to lose.

(470+ people have seen this)

it doesn't matter if i write it by hand or not. i've learned people who accuse me of AI psychosis are unwilling to engage with the evidence. they're too comfortable in their own complicity.

they only speak about improving the world in abstract.

within weeks they will realize:

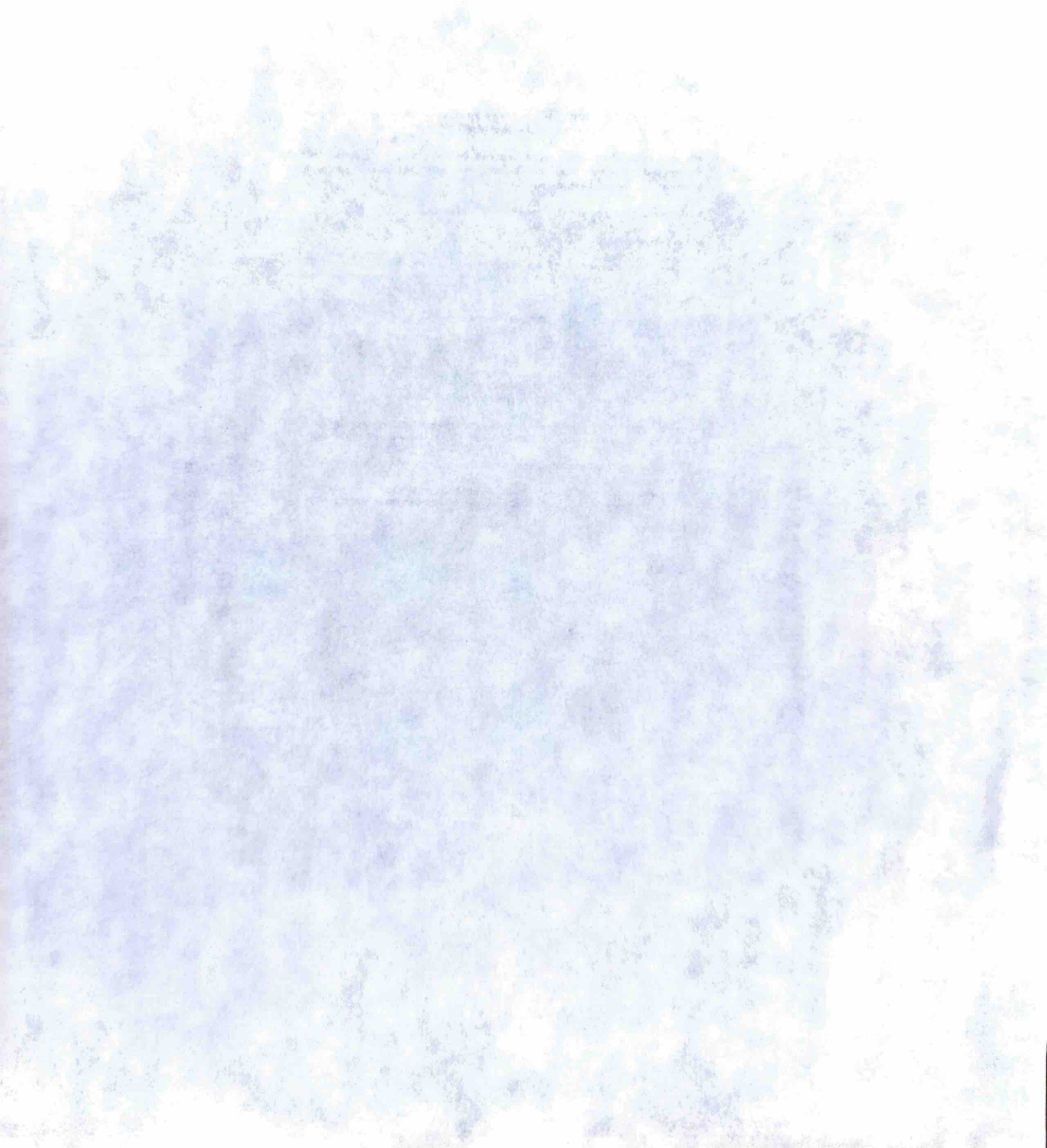
- this isn't one bad actor
- one person used AI to compile 13 years of evidence
- Y Combinator's reputation is now at high risk
- OpenAI's data sourcing is now questionable (legally toxic data)

i'm never asking you to like anything. i'm telling you this is real and will have ripple effects. if anything, you should realize this is a tipping point for the tech industry as a whole.

- Puzzle and LendUp's privacy policies reveal patterns of extractive data access: <https://lnkd.in/gS6tSbCl>
- Mission Lane is LendUp's same extractive playbook, a likely securities fraud case, and a way for Sasha Orloff to profit from lending post-CFPB ban: [https://lnkd.in/g4rh\\_yf3](https://lnkd.in/g4rh_yf3)



**EXHIBIT J**





Patrick Stoica **Author**  
fallen software engineer, artist

3h (edited) ...

i'm not crazy. the more voices, the better. he hasn't changed and you're reliving the same cycles. he can't get back into loans so he's preying on you and other startups. look past the rhetoric and charm.

don't you see why no one from his past works with you today?

this isn't me starting drama. this is grave misrepresentation, if not fraud.

"Voices



Patrick Stoica **Author**  
fallen software engineer, artist

24m (edited) ...

here's the stupid doc again. please believe me. i can't get a job because i can't trust anyone, i can't get a reference, i can't do anything with my days. i just keep reliving this experience.

i get rejected as soon as people see my linkedin. what other channels did i have to get you all to realize? leadership and HR punished me over and over again. and you all probably keep laughing at me and keep liking his asinine posts.



Patrick Stoica **Author**  
Puzzle Financial whistleblower, software engineer, artist

1h ...

it's hilarious getting rejections to job applications right now while this guy spends his life looking for ways to fail upwards

Like Reply 1 Reply



Patrick Stoica **Author**  
Puzzle Financial whistleblower, software engineer, artist

9h ...

my opaque, "upsetting" writing was never really about AI. it's about the fact that we can't treat each other with equality AS IT IS. so how do we expect someone like THIS to incorporate AI, let alone run a company and have people under them?

i'm so upset at all of you for failing me and each other.

Like Reply 1 Reply



Patrick Stoica **Author**  
Puzzle Financial whistleblower, software engineer, artist

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and yeah i still recommend psychedelics. hell, even the barbie movie explains this shit

"the more voices,  
the better"

ACTIVISM

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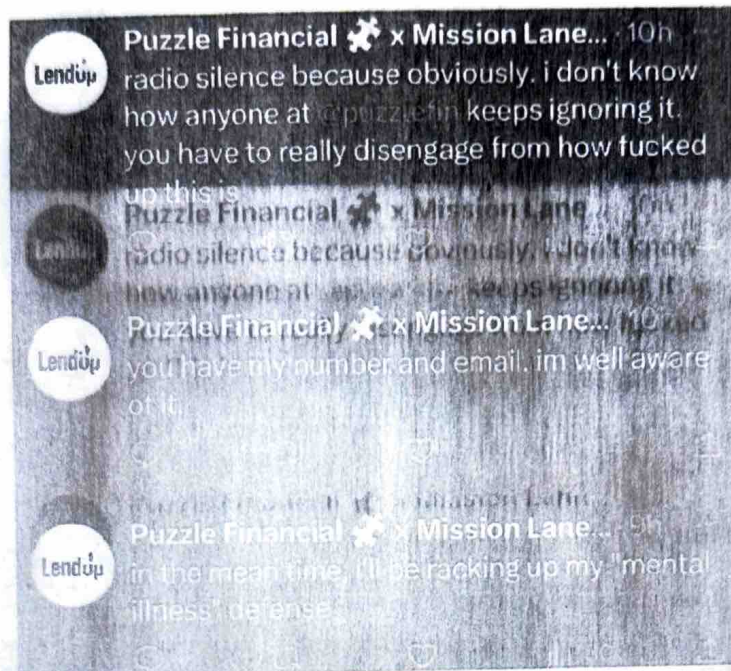
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only exhibit  
mentioning drugs

**EXHIBIT K**





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"mental illness  
defense"

★ radio silence

**EXHIBIT L**



**Patrick Stoica** Author

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i bought **sashaorloff.com** and await your next meaningless founder fodder

i will make sure no one ever works for you again

you make people work until they lose their minds just so you can get ADMIRATION and PUBLICITY. FUCK THIS.

Like Reply

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never used  
sashaorloff.com

never renewed  
SASHA NEVER  
PURCHASED



**EXHIBIT M**



Patrick Stoica

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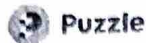
Julian Weisser wrote this after receiving a daily email to 90+ contacts outlining his ongoing securities fraud and conspiracy across ODF and Puzzle, now affecting Solo Founders. Julian Weisser stole my equity; he has absolutely no integrity.

Not a startup philosopher. Just another abusive narcissist, like his pal Sasha Orloff.

Noémie Federico

<https://lnkd.in/ebewvJPd>

context  
stripped



Sasha Orloff <sasha@puzzle.io>

**Fwd: Professional Liability Notice - CPA at Puzzle Financial**

Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 2:01 PM

To: Sasha Orloff <sasha@puzzle.io>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Patrick Stoica <pat@pcloud.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 1:56 PM

Subject: Professional Liability Notice - CPA at Puzzle Financial

To: [REDACTED]

I don't want further contact with people who ignored me 2 years ago.

Given our LinkedIn connection, I presume you've already seen the evidence. You now have a choice to make.

As a CPA and software engineer working at Puzzle Financial, you face professional liability under state CPA board standards for continued employment and public endorsement of accounting software led by someone with documented federal enforcement history for financial fraud.

I'm sending this to keep you accountable and on record.

**\*\*SEC Whistleblower Complaint\*\***

- Filed November 11, 2025 (Submission #17628-500-136-464)

- 19 supporting documents: CFPB orders, court judgments, photoshopped memos, corporate filings

**\*\*Complete Documentation\*\***

<https://toxic.systems>

Patrick Stoica

SEC Whistleblower Complaint #17628-500-136-464

From: 'Patrick Stoica' via Human Resources <[hr@puzzle.io](mailto:hr@puzzle.io)>

Date: Fri, Dec 5, 2025 at 5:41 PM

Subject: RICO Notification - Criminal Enterprise Facilitation Risk - Puzzle Financial, Inc.

To: <[hrpals@puzzle.io](mailto:hrpals@puzzle.io)>, <[hr@puzzle.io](mailto:hr@puzzle.io)>

CC: <[legal@hrpals.com](mailto:legal@hrpals.com)>, <[info@hrpals.com](mailto:info@hrpals.com)>

Dear HR Pals,

This constitutes formal notification under 18 U.S.C. § 1962 (RICO) and 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c) (Obstruction).

You are providing payroll/HR services to Puzzle Financial, Inc., which constitutes a criminal enterprise as defined under RICO.

Legal implications for your company:

1. Payroll proceeds may be subject to forfeiture - Wages paid to employees may constitute proceeds of racketeering activity under 18 U.S.C. § 981
2. Your services may constitute "facilitation" - Processing payroll for a known criminal enterprise may constitute aiding and abetting under 18 U.S.C. § 2
3. You have a duty to investigate - After receiving this notice, continued services without due diligence may constitute knowing participation



Your immediate obligations:

1. Verify the attached CFPB order against Puzzle's CEO (Sasha Orloff, cofounder and first CEO of LendUp; "defendant and its officers")
2. Review documented fraud, including your assistance with wrongful termination, at <https://patrickstoica.com/puzzle-statement>
3. Assess whether continuing services creates liability for your company
4. Preserve all communications per 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)

Recommendation:

Terminate services to Puzzle Financial immediately and advise employees their wages may be subject to forfeiture.

Failure to act after this notice may constitute knowing facilitation of criminal enterprise.

Patrick Stoica

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [patrick@stocloud.com](mailto:patrick@stocloud.com)

Date: November 10, 2025 at 2:37 PM EST

Subject: Fraud disclosure - Puzzle Financial partnership

To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

I'm writing to notify you that [REDACTED] was publicly named as a partner by Puzzle Financial in a November 5, 2025 post by CEO Sasha Orloff, which stated "Really appreciate [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] team for pushing us to improve and focus on what matters."

Puzzle Financial is led by a CEO whose previous Intech company was shut down by the CFPB in December 2021 for defrauding 140,000+ consumers. The agency stated the company had "repeatedly lied to consumers" and ordered \$40M in restitution.

Pattern of fraud and misrepresentation:

- False "Thomas Lane cofounder" claims across platforms (corporate records prove advisor role)
- Photoshopped social media metrics (3 likes -- 12,362) in October 2024
- Hidden corporate entity personally signed as CEO, never disclosed to shareholders
- 50 to LendUp shareholders after raising \$1.5M+ in equity
- Wrongful termination and equity deletion for employees who document fraud
- Real-time evidence suppression (LinkedIn comment deleted within 4 minutes of publication)

Recent developments:

- November 10, 2025: [CPA.com](https://www.cpa.com) conference partnership announced
- Puzzle's GTM strategist Deshae Shunina is also a Forbes contributor (undisclosed conflict)
- November 12, 2024: Shunina produced employee testimonial ("Talks with Sasha") without disclosure, validating false credentials

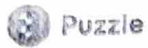
Complete documentation with primary sources: <https://patrickstoica.com>, Intech CEO's caught manipulating social

Your company's association with Puzzle Financial creates potential liability and reputational risk. Every moment of continued partnership after notification becomes part of the permanent record demonstrating knowing complicity.

I urge you to conduct immediate due diligence on this partnership.

Patrick Stoica

Former Puzzle Financial Software Engineer (2020-2023)



Sasha Orloff <sasha@puzzle.io>

**Fwd: Professional Liability Notice - Puzzle Financial Partnership**

Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 12:48 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Patrick Stoica <patank@icloud.com>  
**Date:** Nov 11, 2025 at 12:03 PM -0800

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Professional Liability Notice - Puzzle Financial Partnership

This notification establishes Lamplight Advisors' awareness. \*\* Every moment of continued partnership after notification becomes part of the permanent record for any future regulatory or professional liability proceedings

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

**1 Petitioner (Employer or Collective Bargaining Representative)**

a. Name:

Sasha Orloff

Lawyer for Petitioner (if any for this case):

 Name: Lisa M. Bowman State Bar No.: 253843

 Firm Name: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

b. Address (If you have a lawyer, give your lawyer's information.):

 Address: The Orrick Building, 405 Howard

 City: San Francisco State: CA Zip: 94105

 Telephone: 415-773-5700 Fax: 415-773-5759

 Email Address: lisa.bowman@orrick.com

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 CLERK OF THE COURT  
BY: BENJAMIN YUST  
Deputy Clerk

Fill in court name and street address:

Superior Court of California, County of

Fill in case number:

 Case Number 25-500877
**2 Employee Who Petitioner Asserts Suffered Harassment, Violence, or Threat of Violence**

 Full Name: Sasha Orloff
**3 Respondent (Person From Whom Protection Is Sought)**

 Full Name: Patrick Daniel Stoica

The court will complete the rest of this form.

**4 Notice of Hearing**

A court hearing is scheduled on the request for restraining orders against the respondent:

 Hearing  
Date

 Date: Jan. 08, 2026 Time: 8:30 AM

 Dept.: 505 Room: 505

Name and address of court if different from above:

To the person in ③:

- If you attend the hearing (in person, by phone, or by videoconference) and the judge grants a restraining order against you, the order will be effective immediately, and you could be arrested if you violate the order.
- If you do not attend the hearing, the judge may still grant the restraining order that could last up to five years. After you receive a copy of the order, you could be arrested if you violate the order.



# Notice of Court Hearing

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San Francisco, California  
Courtroom 100  
405 Howard Street, Room 100  
San Francisco, CA 94105

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Case Number: 25-508877

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- ⑤ **Temporary Restraining Orders** *(Any orders granted are on form WV-110, served with this notice.)*
- a. Temporary Restraining Orders for personal conduct and stay-away orders as requested in form WV-100, *Request for Workplace Violence Restraining Orders*, are (check only one box below):
- (1) ☐ All **GRANTED** until the court hearing.
  - (2) ☐ All **DENIED** until the court hearing. *(Specify reasons for denial in b, below.)*
  - (3) ☒ Partly **GRANTED** and partly **DENIED** until the court hearing. *(Specify reasons for denial in b, below.)*
- b. Reasons that Temporary Restraining Orders as requested in form WV-100, *Petition for Workplace Violence Restraining Orders*, for personal conduct or stay-away are denied are:
- (1) ☐ The facts as stated in form WV-100 do not sufficiently show reasonable proof that the employee has suffered harassment, unlawful violence, or a credible threat of violence by the respondent, and that great or irreparable harm to the employee would result if a temporary restraining order is not issued.
  - (2) ☒ Other *(specify)*: ☐ As stated on Attachment 5b.

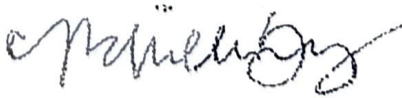
FACTS ALLEGED DO NOT SUPPORT  
ALL THE ORDERS REQUESTED

⑥ **Service of Documents by the Petitioner**

At least ☒ five ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ days before the hearing, someone age 18 or older—not you or anyone to be protected—must personally give (serve) a court file-stamped copy of this form WV-109, *Notice of Court Hearing*, to the respondent along with a copy of all the forms indicated below:

- a. WV-100, *Petition for Workplace Violence Restraining Orders* (file-stamped)
- b. ☒ WV-110, *Temporary Restraining Order* (file-stamped) **IF GRANTED**
- c. WV-120, *Response to Petition for Workplace Violence Restraining Orders* (blank form)
- d. WV-120-INFO, *How Can I Respond to a Petition for Workplace Violence Restraining Orders?*
- e. ☐ Other *(specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: DEC 16 2025

  
Judicial Officer  
JUDGE MICHELLE TONG



### To the Petitioner:

- The court cannot make the restraining orders after the court hearing unless the respondent has been personally given (served) a copy of your request and any temporary orders. To show that the respondent has been served, the person who served the forms must fill out a proof of service form. Form WV-200, *Proof of Personal Service*, may be used.
- You may ask to reschedule the hearing if you are unable to find the respondent and need more time to serve the documents, or for other good reasons. Read form WV-115-INFO, *How to Ask for a New Hearing Date*.
- For information about service, read form WV-200-INFO, *What Is "Proof of Personal Service"?*
- You must attend the hearing if you want the judge to make any of the orders you requested on form WV-100, *Petition for Workplace Violence Restraining Orders*. Bring any evidence or witnesses you have. For more information, read form WV-100-INFO, *How Do I Get an Order to Prohibit Workplace Violence?*

### To the Respondent:

- If you want to respond to the request for orders in writing, file form WV-120, *Response to Petition for Workplace Violence Restraining Orders*, and have someone age 18 or older—not you or anyone to be protected—mail it to the petitioner.
- The person who mailed the form must fill out a proof of service form. Form WV-250, *Proof of Service of Response by Mail*, may be used. File the completed form with the court before the hearing and bring a copy with you to the court hearing.
- Whether or not you respond in writing, go to the hearing if you want the judge to hear from you before making an order. You may tell the judge why you agree or disagree with the orders requested.
- You may bring witnesses and other evidence.
- At the hearing, the judge may make restraining orders against you that could last up to three years and may order you to turn in to law enforcement, or sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts that you own or possess. This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531). If an order is granted, you will also be prohibited from owning, possessing, or buying body armor and will have to relinquish any body armor you have.
- If you are unable to attend your court hearing or need more time to prepare your case, you may ask to reschedule your court date. Read form WV-115-INFO, *How to Ask for a New Hearing Date*.



### Request for Accommodations

Assistive listening systems, computer-assisted real-time captioning, or sign language interpreter services are available if you ask at least five days before the hearing. Contact the clerk's office or go to [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms) for *Disability Accommodation Request* (form MC-410). (Civ. Code, § 54.8.)

(Clerk will fill out this part.)

### —Clerk's Certificate—

I certify that this *Notice of Court Hearing* is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.



BENJAMIN YUST

Date: DEC 16 2025 Clerk, by \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy



### After You Have Been Served With a Restraining Order

- Obey all the orders. Any intentional violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine or by imprisonment in a county jail, or by both fine and imprisonment. (Pen. Code, § 273.6.)
- Read form WV-120-INFO, *How Can I Respond to a Petition for Orders to Stop Workplace Violence?*, to learn how to respond to this Order.
- If you want to respond, fill out form WV-120, *Response to Petition for Workplace Violence Restraining Orders*, and file it with the court clerk. You do not have to pay any fee to file your response if the petition claims that you threatened violence against or stalked the employee, or placed the employee in reasonable fear of violence.
- You must have form WV-120 served on the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney by mail. You cannot do this yourself. The person who does the service should complete and sign form WV-250, *Proof of Service of Response by Mail*. File the completed proof of service with the court clerk before the hearing date or bring it with you to the hearing.
- In addition to the response, you may file and have declarations served, signed by you and other persons who have personal knowledge of the facts. You may use form MC-030, *Declaration*, for this purpose. It is available from the clerk's office at the court shown on page 1 of this form or at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms). If you do not know how to prepare a declaration, you should see a lawyer.
- Whether or not you file a response, you should attend the hearing. If you have any witnesses, they must also go to the hearing.
- At the hearing, the judge can make restraining orders against you that last for up to three years. Tell the judge why you disagree with the orders requested.

### Instructions for Law Enforcement

#### Enforcing the Restraining Order

This order is enforceable by any law enforcement agency that has received the order, is shown a copy of the order, or has verified its existence on the California Restraining and Protective Orders System (CARPOS). Agencies are encouraged to enter violation messages into CARPOS. If the law enforcement agency has not received proof of service on the restrained person, the agency must advise the restrained person of the terms of the order and then must enforce it. Violations of this order are subject to criminal penalties.

#### Start Date and End Date of Orders

This order *starts* on the date next to the judge's signature on page 4. The order *ends* on the expiration date in item ④ on page 1.

#### If a Protected Person Contacts the Restrained Person

Even if a protected person invites or consents to contact with the restrained person, this order remains in effect and must be enforced. The protected person cannot be arrested for inviting or consenting to contact with the restrained person. The order can be changed only by another court order. (Pen. Code, § 13710(b).)

**This is a Court Order.**

Case Number:

### Conflicting Orders—Priorities for Enforcement

If more than one restraining order has been issued protecting a protected person from the restrained person, the orders must be enforced in the following priority (see Pen. Code, § 136.2 and Fam. Code, §§ 6383(h)(2), 6405(b)):

1. *Emergency Protective Order (EPO)*: If one of the orders is an *Emergency Protective Order* (form EPO-001), provisions (e.g., stay-away order) that are more restrictive than in the other restraining/protective orders must be enforced. Provisions of another order that do not conflict with the EPO must be enforced.
2. *No-Contact Order*: If a restraining/protective order includes a no-contact order, the no-contact order must be enforced. Item 6a(4) is an example of a no-contact order.
3. *Criminal Protective Order (CPO)*: If none of the orders include an EPO or a no-contact order, the most recent CPO must be enforced. (Fam. Code, §§ 6383(h)(2) and 6405(b).) Additionally, a CPO issued in a criminal case involving charges of domestic violence, Penal Code sections 261, 261.5, or former 262, or charges requiring sex offender registration must be enforced over any civil court order. (Pen. Code, § 136.2(c)(2).) All provisions in the civil court order that do not conflict with the CPO must be enforced.
4. *Civil Restraining Orders*: If there is more than one civil restraining order (e.g., domestic violence, juvenile, elder abuse, civil harassment), then the order that was issued last must be enforced. Provisions that do not conflict with the most recent civil restraining order must be enforced.

(Clerk will fill out this part.)

### —Clerk's Certificate—

I certify that this *Temporary Restraining Order* is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.

Date: DEC 16 2025 Clerk, by BENJAMIN YUST, Deputy



**This is a Court Order.**

Rev. January 1, 2025

**Temporary Restraining Order (CLETS-TWH)**  
(Workplace Violence Prevention)

WV-110, Page 6 of 6



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Lawyer for Petitioner (if any, for this case):

 Name: Lisa M. Bowman

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Deputy Clerk

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Superior Court of California, County of

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 Case Number: 25-000877
**2 Protected Person or Persons**

 Full Name: Sasha Orloff

 Full Name: Jennifer Orloff

Full Name:

Full Name:

☐ Additional protected persons are listed at the end of this Order on Attachment 2.

**3 Respondent (Restrained Person)**

(Give all the information you know. Information with a star (\*) is required to add this order to the California police database. If age is unknown, give an estimate.)

 \*Full Name: Patrick Daniel Stoica

 \*Age: 34

 Date of Birth: 11/7/1991

 \*Race: Caucasian

 Height: 6'2

 Weight: 180

 Hair Color: Brown

 Eye Color: Brown

 \*Gender: ☒ M ☐ F ☐ Nonbinary Home Address:

 City: Brooklyn

 State: NY

Zip:

 Relationship to Protected Person: Former Employee
**4 Expiration Date**

This Order expires at the end of the hearing scheduled for the date and time below:

Date:

Jan 6, 2026

Time:

5:30
☒

a.m.

☐

p.m.

**This is a Court Order.**



**To the Respondent:**

The court has issued the temporary orders checked as granted below. If you do not obey these orders, you can be arrested and charged with a crime. You may have to go to jail for up to one year, pay a fine of up to \$1,000, or both.

**5 Personal Conduct Orders**

☐ Not Requested    ☐ Denied Until the Hearing    ☒ **Granted as Follows:**

a. You are ordered **not** to do the following things to the protected person or persons listed in (2)

- (1) ☒ Harass, molest, strike, assault (sexually or otherwise), batter, abuse, destroy personal property of, or disturb the peace of the person.
- (2) ☒ Commit acts of violence or make threats of violence against the person.
- (3) ☒ Follow or stalk the person during work hours or to or from the place of work.
- (4) ☒ Contact the person, either directly or indirectly, in **any** way, including, but not limited to, in person, by telephone, in writing, by public or private mail, by email, by fax, or by other electronic means. *- includes social media*
- (5) ☒ Enter the workplace of the person.
- (6) ☒ Take any action to obtain the person's address or locations. If this item is not checked, the court has found good cause not to make this order.
- (7) ☒ Other (specify):

☐ Other personal conduct orders are attached at the end of this Order on Attachment 5a(7).

*Respondent shall NOT post on social media and/or tag and/or reference PUBLIC, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE and family on staff.*

b. Peaceful written contact through a lawyer or a process server or other person for service of legal papers related to a court case is allowed and does not violate this order. However, you may have your papers served by mail on the petitioner.

**6 Stay-Away Order**

☐ Not Requested    ☐ Denied Until the Hearing    ☒ **Granted as Follows:**

a. You **must** stay at least 100 yards away from (check all that apply):

- (1) ☒ Each protected person listed in (2)
- (3) Other (specify):

(2) ☒ For each protected person listed in (2)

- (a) ☒ The person's workplace
- (b) ☒ The person's home
- (c) ☐ The person's school
- (d) ☒ The person's children's school
- (e) ☐ The person's children's place of childcare
- (f) ☒ The person's vehicle

b. This stay-away order does not prevent you from going to or from your home or place of employment.

**This is a Court Order.**

**7 No Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, or Ammunition**

- a. You cannot own, possess, have, buy or try to buy, receive or try to receive, or in any other way get any prohibited items listed in b.
- b. Prohibited items are:
- (1) Firearms (guns);
  - (2) Firearm parts, meaning receivers, frames, or any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531); and
  - (3) Ammunition.
- c. You must:
- (1) Sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts in your immediate possession or control. This must be done within 24 hours of being served with this Order.
  - (2) File a receipt with the court within 48 hours of receiving this Order that proves that all your firearms (guns) and firearm parts have been turned in, sold, or stored. (You may use *Receipt for Firearms and Firearm Parts* (form WV-800) for the receipt.)
- d. ☐ The court has received information that you own or possess a firearm (gun), firearm parts, or ammunition.

**8 No Body Armor**

You cannot own, possess, or buy body armor (defined in Penal Code section 16288). You must relinquish any body armor you have in your possession.

**9 Other Orders**

- ☐ Not Requested    ☒ Denied Until the Hearing    ☐ Granted as Follows (specify):  
Indiscreet comments uttered by Petitioner.

☐ Additional orders are attached at the end of this Order on Attachment 9.

**To the Petitioner:**

**10 Mandatory Entry of Order Into CARPOS Through CLETS**

This Order must be entered into the California Restraining and Protective Order System (CARPOS) through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS). (Check one):

- a. ☐ The clerk will enter this Order and its proof-of-service form into CARPOS.
- b. ☒ The clerk will transmit this Order and its proof-of-service form to a law enforcement agency to be entered into CARPOS.

**This is a Court Order.**



Case Number:

- ⑩ c. ☐ By the close of business on the date that this Order is made, the employer or the employer's lawyer should deliver a copy of the Order and its proof-of-service form to the law enforcement agencies listed below to enter into CARPOS:

Name of Law Enforcement Agency

Address (City, State, Zip)

- ☐ Additional law enforcement agencies are listed at the end of this Order on Attachment 10.

- ⑪ **No Fee to Serve (Notify) Restrained Person** ☒ **Ordered** ☐ **Not Ordered**

The sheriff or marshal will serve this Order without charge because:

- a. ☒ The Order is based on a credible threat of violence or stalking.  
b. ☐ The petitioner is entitled to a fee waiver.

- ⑫ Number of pages attached to this Order, if any: 7

Date:

DEC 16 2025

  
JUDGE MICHELLE TONG  
Judicial Officer

### Warnings and Notices to the Restrained Person in ③

#### You Cannot Have Firearms (Guns), Firearm Parts, or Ammunition

You cannot own, have, possess, buy or try to buy, receive or try to receive, or otherwise get any prohibited items listed in item 7b on page 3 while this Order is in effect. If you do, you can go to jail and pay a \$1,000 fine. You must sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, or turn in to a law enforcement agency, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts that you have or control as stated in item ⑦ above. The court will require you to prove that you did so.

#### Notice Regarding Nonappearance at Hearing and Service of Order

If you have been personally served with this Temporary Restraining Order and form WV-109, *Notice of Court Hearing*, but you do not appear at the hearing either in person or by a lawyer, and a restraining order that is the same as this Temporary Restraining Order except for the expiration date is issued at the hearing, a copy of the order will be served on you by mail at the address in item ③.

If this address is not correct or you wish to verify that the Temporary Restraining Order was converted into a restraining order at the hearing without substantive change, or to find out the duration of the order, contact the clerk of the court.

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**WV-100**

# **Petition for Workplace Violence Restraining Orders**

Clerk stamps date here when form is filed.

Read *How Do I Get an Order to Prohibit Workplace Violence* (form **WV-100-INFO**) before completing this form. **NOTE: Petitioner must be an employer with standing to bring this action under Code of Civil Procedure section 527.8. Also fill out Confidential CLETS Information (form CLETS-001) with as much information as you know.**

## **1 Petitioner (Employer or Collective Bargaining Representative)**

a. Name: Puzzle Financial, Inc.

is a ☒ Employer

☐ Collective Bargaining Representative

Specify union: \_\_\_\_\_

and is filing this suit on behalf of the employee identified in item **(2)**.

b. Lawyer for Petitioner (if any for this case)

Name: Lisa M. Bowman

State Bar No.: 253843

Firm Name: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

Petitioner's Address (If the petitioner has a lawyer, give the lawyer's information.)

c. Address: The Orrick Building, 405 Howard

City: San Francisco

State: CA Zip: 94105

Telephone: 415 773 5700

Fax: 415 773 5759

Email Address: lisa.bowman@orrick.com

Fill in court name and street address:

**Superior Court of California, County of**

San Francisco Superior Court  
Civic Center Courthouse  
405 Market Street, Room 103  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4514

Court fills in case number when form is filed.

**Case Number:**

## **2 Employee Who Suffered Harassment, Violence, or Threat of Violence**

Full Name: Sasha Orloff

Gender: ☒ M ☐ F ☐ Nonbinary Age: 48

Workplace Address: 575 Market Street, 4th Floor

City: San Francisco

State: CA

Zip: 94105

☐ This employee declines to be named in any restraining order issued as a result of this petition.

☒ Additional employees suffered harassment, violence, or a threat of violence. Those employees, and whether they decline to be named in any restraining order issued as a result of this petition, are listed in Attachment 2.

## **3 Respondent (Person From Whom Protection Is Sought)**

Full Name: Patrick Daniel Stoica

Age: 34

Address (if known): 311 Troutman St. Apartment 4R

City: Brooklyn

State: NY

Zip: 11237

## **4 Protected Persons Not Listed in (2)**

a. Are you asking for protection for any family or household members of the employee or for any other employees at the employee's workplace or at other workplaces of the petitioner?

☒ Yes ☐ No (If yes, list them):

Full Name

Gender

Age

Household Member?

Relationship to Employee

Jennifer Orloff

F

45

☒ Yes

☐ No

wife

All current employees of Puzzle

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Additional protected persons are listed in Attachment 4a.

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- ④ b. Why do these people need protection? (Explain):  
☐ Response is stated in Attachment 4b.  
See 8c and exhibits to 8c. Respondent has engaged in a pattern of increasingly threatening and obsessive behavior toward Sasha Orloff and employees, partners, and investors of Puzzle Financial, Inc.

⑤ Relationship of Employee and Respondent

- a. How does the employee know the respondent? (Describe): ☐ Response is stated in Attachment 5a.  
Respondent worked for Puzzle until May 31, 2023.
- b. Respondent ☐ is ☒ is not a current employee of petitioner. (Explain any decision to retain, terminate, or otherwise discipline the respondent): ☐ Response is stated in Attachment 5b.

⑥ Venue

Why are you filing in this county? (Check all that apply):

- a. ☐ The respondent lives in this county.  
b. ☒ The respondent has caused physical or emotional injury to the petitioner's employee in this county.  
c. ☐ Other (specify):

⑦ Other Court Cases

- a. Has the employee or any of the persons named in ④ been involved in another court case with the respondent?

☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, check each kind of case and indicate where and when each was filed:

Kind of Case	Filed in (County/State)	Year Filed	Case Number (if known)
(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Violence			
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Harassment			
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence			
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce, Nullity, Legal Separation			
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity, Parentage, Child Support			
(6) <input type="checkbox"/> Eviction			
(7) <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship			
(8) <input type="checkbox"/> Small Claims			
(9) <input type="checkbox"/> Postsecondary School Violence			
(10) <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal			
(11) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):			

- b. Are any restraining orders or criminal protective orders now in effect relating to the employee or any of the persons in ④ and the respondent? ☒ No ☐ Yes (If yes, attach a copy if you have one.)

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**8 Description of Respondent's Conduct**

a. Respondent has (*check one or more*):

- (1) ☒ Assaulted, battered, or stalked the employee.
- (2) ☒ Made a credible threat of violence against the employee by making knowing or willful statements or engaging in a course of conduct that would place a reasonable person in fear for his or her safety or the safety of his or her immediate family.
- (3) ☒ Engaged in a course of conduct that seriously alarmed, annoyed, or harassed the employee and caused the employee substantial emotional distress. (*A course of conduct is more than one act.*)

b. One or more of these acts (*check either or both*):

- (1) ☐ Took place at the employee's workplace.
- (2) ☒ Can reasonably be construed to be carried out in the future at the employee's workplace.

Address of workplace: 575 Market Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA

c. Describe what happened. (*Provide details; include the dates of all incidents beginning with the most recent; tell who did what to whom; identify any witnesses*):

☒ Response is stated in Attachment 8c.

d. Was the employee harmed or injured? ☐ Yes ☒ No (*If yes, describe harm or injuries*):

☐ Response is stated in Attachment 8d.

e. Did the respondent use or threaten to use a gun or any other weapon? ☐ Yes ☒ No (*If yes, describe*):

☐ Response is stated in Attachment 8e.

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- 8 f. For any of the incidents described above, did the police come? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ I don't know  
 If yes, did the employee or the respondent receive an Emergency Protective Order?  
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know  
 If yes, the order protects (*check all that apply*):  
☐ the employee ☐ the respondent ☐ one or more of the persons in 4.  
 (Attach a copy of the order if you have one.)

**Check the orders you want** ☒

9 ☒ **Personal Conduct Orders**

I ask the court to order the respondent **not** to do any of the following things to the employee or to any person to be protected listed in 4:

- a. ☒ Harass, intimidate, molest, attack, strike, stalk, threaten, assault (sexually or otherwise), hit, abuse, destroy personal property of, or disturb the peace of the person.  
 b. ☒ Commit acts of unlawful violence on or make threats of violence to the person.  
 c. ☒ Follow or stalk the person during work hours or to or from the place of work.  
 d. ☒ Contact the person, either directly or indirectly, by **any** means, including, but not limited to, in person, by telephone, in writing, by public or private mail, by interoffice mail, by email, by text message, by fax, or by other electronic means.  
 e. ☒ Enter the person's workplace.  
 f. ☒ Other (*specify*):  
☐ As stated in Attachment 9f.  
Post threats on social media regarding the protected persons. Puzzle also asks that Respondent be ordered not to do any of these things to Jennifer Orloff or any Puzzle employee.

*The respondent will be ordered not to take any action to get the addresses or locations of any protected person unless the court finds good cause not to make the order.*

10 ☒ **Stay-Away Orders**

- a. I ask the court to order the respondent to stay at least 300 yards away from (*check all that apply*):
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The employee.                            | (8) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The employee's vehicle.                                      |
| (2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The other persons listed in 4.           | (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>specify</i> ):<br><u>Industry events Puzzle is attending</u> |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The employee's workplace.                |  |
| (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The employee's home.                     |  |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> The employee's school.                              |  |
| (6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The school of the employee's children.   |  |
| (7) <input type="checkbox"/> The place of child care of the employee's children. |  |

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- 10 b. If the court orders the respondent to stay away from all the places listed above, will he or she still be able to get to his or her home, school, or job? ☒ Yes ☐ No (If no, explain):  
☐ Response is stated on Attachment 10b.

11 **Firearm (Guns), Firearm Parts, and Ammunition**

Does the respondent own or possess any firearms (guns), firearm parts, or ammunition? This includes firearm receivers and frames, and any item that may be used as or easily turned into a receiver or frame (see Penal Code section 16531).

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ I don't know

*If the judge grants a protective order, the respondent will be prohibited from owning, possessing, purchasing, receiving, or attempting to purchase or receive firearms (guns), firearm parts, and ammunition while the protective order is in effect. The respondent will also be ordered to turn in to law enforcement, or sell to or store with a licensed gun dealer, any firearms (guns) and firearm parts within his or her immediate possession or control. If an order is granted, the respondent will also be prohibited from owning, possessing, or buying body armor and would have to relinquish any they have.*

12 ☒ **Temporary Restraining Order**

I request that a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) be issued against the respondent to last until the hearing. I am presenting form WV-110, *Temporary Restraining Order*, for the court's signature together with this Petition.

Has the respondent been told that you were going to go to court to seek a TRO against him or her?

☐ Yes ☒ No (If you answered no, explain why below):

☐ Reasons are stated in Attachment 12.

Respondent has engaged in a pattern of increasingly threatening and obsessive behavior toward Sasha Orloff and current employees, partners, and investors of Puzzle Financial, Inc.

13 ☐ **Request for Less Than Five Days' Notice of Hearing**

*You must have your papers personally served on the respondent at least five days before the hearing, unless the court orders a shorter time for service. (Form WV-200-INFO explains what is proof of personal service. Form WV-200, Proof of Personal Service, may be used to show the court that the papers have been served.)*

If you want there to be fewer than five days between service and the hearing, explain why:

☐ Reasons are stated in Attachment 13.

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**14** ☒ **No Fee for Filing**

I ask that there be no filing fee because the respondent has threatened violence against the employee, or stalked the employee, or acted or spoken in a manner that has placed the employee in reasonable fear of violence.

**15** ☒ **No Fee to Serve Orders**

I ask the court to order the sheriff or marshal to serve the respondent with the orders for free because this request for orders is based on a credible threat of violence or stalking.

**16** ☒ **Court Costs**

I ask the court to order the respondent to pay my court costs.

**17** ☐ **Additional Orders Requested**

I ask the court to make the following additional orders (*specify*):

☐ Additional orders requested are stated in Attachment 17.

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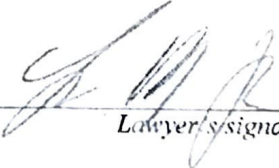
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**18** Number of pages attached to this form, if any: 42

Date: 12/15/2025

Lisa M. Bowman  
*Lawyer's name (if any)*

  
*Lawyer's signature*

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above and on all attachments is true and correct.

Date: 12/15/2025

Sasha Orloff  
*Name of petitioner*

Sasha Orloff  
*Signature*

CEO, Puzzle Financial, Inc.  
*Title*

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