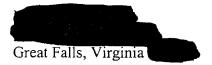


## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



Most G DER

Re: FOIA Request No. 2002-152 Quixtar

Dear

This responds to your November 26, 2001, letter requesting information about Quixtar. We are responding to your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), the law that gives citizens the right to access government records. Pursuant to the FOIA and agency policy, we have searched our records as of November 26, 2001, for the records requested.

In a November 26, 2001, conversation With Margaret Woodson, you amended your request to seek only the documents we released in a previous request. Your amended request is granted and the accessible documents are enclosed

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Woodson at (202) 326-2417.

Sincerely,

Joan E. Fir Attornev



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

956190

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

They are advertising camcorders for auction on ebay, but say

that we must pay a FLAT amount for sales tax, and that everyone must pay the tax no matter where we live, even though the company they work for is located just in Michigan.I have two emails from them regarding this

policy. Thank you for looking into what may be illegitimate tax charges that they probably are not even forwarding to the

government.

Created By:

**JMOORE** 

Created Date:

05/17/00

Org Name:

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact:

Internet

Complaint Date:

Initial Contact: Internet (Other)

Transaction Date: 05/15/00

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Internet Auction

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

First:

City:

Country:

Work phone

Fax Number:

() -

UNITED STATES

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:



State: XX

URL:

Zip:

06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

City:

Company: Quixtar

Address: via email at: mdketter@bellatlanti

(Denise & Michael Ketterer)

Country: Not Available

Email: mdketter@bellatlantic.net URL:

(Denise & Michael Ketterer)

Phone: () - Ext:

Company: Quixtar

Address: via email at: mdketter@bellatlanti

(Denise & Michael Ketterer)

City: State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

Phone: () - Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Ketterer, Denise & Michael Title:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

952976

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

In Oct. 99 consumer was invited to a meeting, he didn't know what it was about but once he got there he brought into it. It was started by 2nd Generation of the Amway founders. She spent about \$1000 for function, trip, hotel and a host of tapes. He sponsored 2 sons and a couple friends. He was led to believe that it would only take a few hours a week and the money would flow in. He didn't really believe it was that easy, yet thought it possible to become prosprous. He didn't know he had to take 75 IBO's under in order for him to achieve limited success. He emailed Pickering for a refund of the products he purchased and received a response from Sowers who said he was not in the business of refunds but he could return the merchandise and if he sold it he would be issued a refund. He called Sowers and spoke about the refund and Sowers became mad, consumer told him he would continue to attend their meetings until he was not an IBO and Sowers told him he didn't want him there because he was not working the business and said he would do what ever is necessary if he did anything to hurt his family or business. He asked Sowers if he was threathening him and he just said "what ever is

necessary.

Created By:

ARICHARDSON

Created Date:

05/12/00

Updated By:

ARICHARDSON

Updated Date:

05/12/00

Org Name:

TOLL FREE NUMBER AND CONSUMER SENTINEL

Amt Requested:

1,000.00

Amt Paid:

1,000.00

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Mail

Complaint Date:

03/27/00

Initial Contact: Unknown

Transaction Date: 10/01/99

Initial Response: In Person

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule: FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Law Violation:

Misrepresentations/Deception (note in comments)

First:

State,

Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name: Address:

Country: Work phone

UNITED STATES () -

Ext:

Fax Number:

() -

Home Number:

() -

Email:

City:

Age Range:

Year Of Birth

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

( ) Phone:

Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Storms, Don

Title:

URL:

Rep Name: Mike, Pickering

Title:

Rep Name: Sowers, Eric

Title:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.:

935884

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

I have not lost any money, but this company is promising my

fellow classmates that if they pay \$100 they can get in on

electronic commerce and earn millions of dollars.

Created By:

FTUCKER

Created Date:
Updated Date:

04/26/00

Updated By:

Amt Requested:

100.00

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Paid:

Org Name:

.00

Payment Method: Unknown

Agency Contact:

Internet

Complaint Date:

04/25/00

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date: 04/18/00

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule:

Franchise Rule

Law Violation:

Unsubstantiated Earnings Claims

Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Unknown

First:

State:

Address:

City:

Country:

UNITED STATES

Work phone

()

Ext:

Fax Number:

() -

Home Number:

() -

Email:

Age Range:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City: State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email: compassion19@collegeclub.com URL:www.quixtar.com

Phone: () - Ext:

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City: State: XX Zip:

URL:

Country: Not Available

Email:

Phone: () - Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: DeRamus, Chandra Title:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

920599

Contact Type:Request for

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

Information

I am trying to find out any info the FTC has on Quixtar for

both the USA & Canada

Created By:

JMOORE

Created Date:

04/11/00

Updated By:

IBOLEN

Updated Date:

05/02/00

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: I

Internet

Complaint Date:

04/06/00

Initial Contact: Unknown

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Ext:

.net

Statute/Rule: Law Violation:

#### Consumer

Complaining
Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country:

Work phone

MOIK PHONE

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UNITED STATES

Fax Number: ()

Home Number:;
Email:

Age Range:

First:

State:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company
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Company:	Quixtar.com						
Address:			:				
	Not Available			State:	xx	Zip:	
Email:				URL:www.quixtar.com			
Phone: .	( ) –	Ext,:					
Company:	Quixtar.com						
Address:							
_	Not Available			State:	xx	Zip:	
Email:				URL:			
Phone:	( ) –	Ext:					
O D							

Company Representative



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

914561

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

Comments:

Eric Logan and Scott Brewton approached my fiancee and I at Burger King where I was formerly a manager. They had a business opportunity that sounded good at first. We gave them our phone number and they contacted us a week later and came to our house to explain this idea. They had us sign up online at their website with our Visa debit card. The contract we were to read and sign was only available at the end of the sign up process online. So after signing up online it automatically printed out the contract and they told us just to sign it and that they would fill out the rest. They didn't even let us read the contract. I called them about a ref und after changing my mind and they have yet to return my call. They said it would take 2 to 3 weeks to process a refund, which I feel is wrong. I tried to put a stop payment on it, but my said there is no way to put a stop payment on a debit card payment. Upon researching the better business bureau I found out that this company is Multi level marketing. they never told us that, they told us it was getting paid to shop online. But then they started pushing us to sign people up.

contact me with the results. Steven Rogusta

Created By:

**JBLAND** 

Created Date:

04/04/00

Thank you,

Updated By:

IBOLEN

Updated Date:

05/01/00

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

100.00

Amt Paid:

110.90

Payment Method: Check (Personal)

Agency Contact: Internet

Complaint Date:

I would like this problem looked into and would like you to

03/31/00

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date: 03/26/00

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule: FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

Ext:

Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

UNITED STATES

City:

Country:

Work phone

() -

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

Company

Company: Quixtar Inc.

Address: 7575 East Fulton

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City:

Ada

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

Phone: (616) 787-6000

Company: Quixtar Inc.

Address: 7575 East Fulton

City:

Ada

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

(616) 787-6000

Ext:

Ext:

Phone:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Logan, Eric

Title:

URL:

Associated Company

First:

State

Year Of Birth

State: MI

State: MI

Zip:

49301

49301

URL:www.quixtar.com

Zip:

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06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

875001

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

basically i just wanted to know how or if you've receivedany seriour or numerous complaints about quixtar aka amway online distribution... they seem okay to me but are you aware of any

pending suits or legislation which may curtail their

operations in the near future

Created By:

SMBAILEY

Created Date:

02/25/00

Updated By:

FTUCKER

Updated Date:

02/28/00

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Internet

Complaint Date:

02/25/00

Initial Contact: Unknown

Transaction Date:

First:

State

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country:

UNITED STATES

Work phone

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Ext:

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:
Age Range:

() -



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone:

( ) -

Ext:

Company Representative



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

861649

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

Comments:

This inquiry is for my son Alex who is interested in

independent business as means to change work or career. He was contacted by a person and given a folder with matetial that

to me shows the typical Pyramid Scheme of levels and

recruting others. At the end of the booklet there was a blank form where he was supposed to write the names and telephones of prospective recruits. A check of the internet shows that

Quixtar is like any other web mall where you can order merchandise. When I tried to check on the merchandise listed

,a Panasonic TV, nothing happened. Quixtar is supposed to be part of Amway. I have printed a document on the issue of Pyramid Schemes and of Amway practises from the FTC that plan to give to him so that he can see what he would be getting into if he continues with this idea. Please sent

whatever current info that you have on Quixtar or

Amway.Sincerely

Created By:

SMBAILEY

Created Date:

Updated Date:

02/14/00

Updated By:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Org Name:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Internet

02/12/00 Complaint Date:

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date: 02/06/00

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

Country:

City:

UNITED STATES

Work phone

() -

Ext:

Fax Number:

() -

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: QUIXTAR.COM OR AMWAY

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone: ( ) -

Ext:

Company Representative



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

859191

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

Comments:

I have concern over a network marketing company called Quixtar, Inc. The way the company is set up, a pyramid scheme, it reminds me of International Heritage Incorporated (IHI), which I invested in and lost \$400.00(US). In the

presentation that is given, it is said that one buys

consumable products and earn points and for X number of point you get money back. To quote from a pamplet Imagine owning

your own mall-except there are no buildings, overhead,

inventory, employees, security problems, etc.-yet every time a purchase is mad, you still make the money because the purchase was made through YOUR web-based business. Having been burned once, I am twice shy about such schemes and do

not want anyone to loose money thro ugh such

devices.sincerely yours

**JMOORE** 

Created Date:

02/10/00

02/08/00

Created By: Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Internet

Payment Method:

Complaint Date:

Agency Contact:

Initial Contact: Unknown

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

First:

City:

Country:

UNITED STATES

Work phone

Ext:

Fax Number:

() -

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:www.quixtar.com

Phone: ( ) -

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone: () -

Ext:

Ext:

Company Representative



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

858260

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

Comments:

My name is joined a business called Quixtar they promised me so much money, but never ever explained how the process work I appreciate if you can help me in this situation I paid with a check for \$100 dollars and I resigned last year I sent a letter to the corporation replying that i resign as a IBO Independent Business Owner the money was sent to the individual name Merwynn Montenegro by credit card I called the corporation to verify if it was true and beleive it or not the people who got me involve has my money the phone number to this individual who also got me involved his name is Ricardo Yustman he lives i n California in the city of San Marino his phone number is 1-909-398-4665 i have contacted both persons and nobody is returning the \$100 dollars back what do you recommend me to do. please contact

me my phone number is Thank you very much!

my name is

02/07/00

Created By:

**JMOORE** 

Created Date: Updated Date:

02/09/00

Updated By:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

100.00

Amt Paid:

Org Name:

100.00

Payment Method: Check (Personal)

Agency Contact: Internet Complaint Date:

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date:

First:

State:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Bus Opps\Franchises\Distributorships

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Address:

Last name:

City:

UNITED STATES

Country: Work phone

() -

Ext:

Fax Number:

() -

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

Year Of Birth

53



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar-Amway

Address: not sure

City: Michigan

State: MI Zip:

not sure

Country: UNITED STATES

Email: not sure

URL:www.quixtar.com

Phone: ( ) -

Ext:

Company: Quixtar-Amway

Address: not sure

City:

Michigan

State: MI

Zip: not sure

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

URL:

Phone:

( ) -

Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Yustman, Ricardo

Title:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

819073

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

for registration fee consumer could sign on as an Independent business owner for company and receive 3% of proceeds from

every person he signed up as IBOs. plus Amway cleaning

products.

Created By:

BREDDIX

Created Date:

12/21/99

Updated By:

BREDDIX

Updated Date:

12/21/99

Org Name:

TOLL FREE NUMBER AND CONSUMER SENTINEL

Amt Requested:

99.00

Amt Paid:

.00

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Mail

Complaint Date:

First:

State

11/02/99

Initial Contact: Print

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining

Company/Org.

Last name: Address:

City:

Country:

UNITED STATES

Work phone

() -

Ext:

Fax Number:

() -

Home Number: Email:

Age Range:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone: (301) 898-7071

Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Blanchard, Henry

Title:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

806618

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

to attend a conference at the I was asked by Mr. Omni Hotel in San Antonio on 12/01/99 on Quixtar.com. Quixtar claims to supply various products to consumers and pay those that invest in Quixtar.com a percentage of what they buy. Also if the people at the conference were to tell 6 to 8 people about Quixtar, that would increase their chances of making money. The man who gave the presentation, Tom Skragg, even drew out a partial pyramid. Close attention should be payed to this company as they are intending to have another conference in Mobile, Alabama December 12-14 and have the potential for ease of movement through the country and lack of identification since residing primari ly electronically.

Created By:

**JMOORE** 

Created Date: 12/02/99

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

100.00

Amt Paid:

.00

Payment Method: Unknown

Agency Contact: Internet Complaint Date: 12/01/99

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date: 11/24/99

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name: Address:

First



City:

State: XX Zip:

Country:

Not Available () ~

Ext:

Work phone Fax Number:

() -

Home Number: Email:

Age Range:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar.com

Address:

City: San Antonio State: TX Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Email: emarketpl@aol.com URL:www.quixtar.com

Phone:

(210) 302-8219

Ext:

Company: Quixtar.com

Address:

City: San Antonio

State: TX Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

URL:

Phone: (210) 302-8219

Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Brashear, Herb

Title:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

771567

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

Comments:

I'm not complaining about but about the company that has duped him. Mr. Orr truly is the innocent victim in this whole thing. a family friend, contacted me about checking into this company. He offered to pay the \$99.95 for me. AGAIN: MY COMPLAINT IS NOT AGAINST HIM, BUT QUIXTAR!!! I read your info on pyramiding, and Quixtar fits the bill, since they told that he could buy himself up to the distributorship level. This is apparently a level that otherwise one would have to sell product to work up to. It smacks of pyramiding, and I hate to see my friend get caught up in this. I went online to check them out, and to my surprise found a site warning potential customers/victims

about Quixtar! I read that information in sheer amazement. That site's owner has identified the principal parties as the same ones at the top of the Amway family. That person has been burned by them in the past, according to the website. This is all the info I have to share with you, and I share it in concern for others who may be duped into yet another scam.

I am going to let know what I have learned about this company, and felt it my civic duty to advise you of these

people.

Created By:

**HBUCKMON** 

Created Date: 10/22/99

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

99.95

Amt Paid:

.00

Agency Contact: Internet

Payment Method: Unknown

10/14/99 Complaint Date:

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date: 09/01/99

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

Ext:

Ext:

Consumer

Complaining

Company/Org.:

Last name: Address:

City:

Country:

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

Work phone () -

() -

UNITED STATES

Year Of Birth

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address: unknown

City:

Greensboro

State: NC Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

Quixtar.com

URL:Quixtar.com

First:

State:

Phone:

( ) -

Company: Quixtar

Address: unknown

City:

Greensboro

State: NC

Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

Phone:

( )

Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Orr, Phil

Title:

URL:

Associated Company

53



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

769760

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

Company offers business opportunity to earn 30% in commission on web site sales from referrals. Company claims to pay residual income from downline sales. Company started on Internet 9/1/99. Company is a derivitive of Amway. Company to date has not posted earnings on pv/bv page, and now claims will be 60 days before commissions are posted. Line of sponsership page has never been open, so you have no idea why has signed up under your name. Company claims personal webpages not permitted to advertise their website using

webpages not permitted to advertise their website using their name. Also claims all webpages must be preapproved and sent on cd for a 6 week approval time, and may not refer to

anything but WEL COME.

Created By:

**JMOORE** 

Created Date:

10/20/99

Updated By:

OHOORI

Internet

Updated Date:

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

105.00

Amt Paid:

105.00

Payment Method: Check (Personal)

Year Of Birth

Agency Contact:

Complaint Date: 10/15/99

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date: 08/15/99

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country:

Work phone

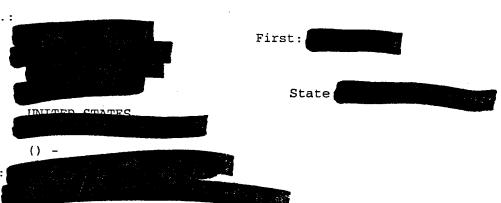
morn phone

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:





State: XX

Zip:

06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar -Amway

Address:

City:

Country: Not Available

Email: URL:www.quixtar.com

Phone: ( ) -Ext:

Company: Quixtar -Amway

Address:

City: State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email: URL:

( ) -Phone: Ext:

Company Representative

Rep Name: Stapivic, John Title:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

754869

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

Quixtar representatives informed me and large groups of thousands of people that Quixtar would offer products through their website at the lowest price. I was required to pay \$99 to take advantage of these savings. Ouixtar.com links to sites like IBM and Bass Pro Shops and dozens of others. We were told that if we linked to the IBM site for instance from Quixtar.com, we would buy at a price lower than going to IBM's site directly to purchase, we were told that all the linked stores offered us the lowest price-that's why we paid \$99. This has not been the case, and in fact shopping through

Quixtar is either the same price or higher than going directly to the linked sites. I feel that Quixtar has not been t ruthful in their claims of income and savings.

Created By:

**HBUCKMON** 

Created Date:

10/01/99

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Internet

Complaint Date:

09/30/99

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Internet Web Site Design\Promotion

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining

Company/Org.:

Last name: Address:

State:

First:

City:

Country:

Not Available () -

Work phone

Fax Number:

() -

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

Ext:

Year Of Birth

53



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Company

Company: Quixtar.com

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:www.quixtar.com

Phone: ( ) -

Company: Quixtar.com

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone: ( ) -

Ext:

Ext:

Company Representative



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MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

744371

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

This company has been emailing the following unsolicited spam:Return-Path: <digitalwebave@usa.net>Received: from [216.208.61.8] ([38.11.199.217]) by hvmta01-

stg.us.psimail.psi.net

(InterMail v4.01.01.00 201-

229-111) with SMTP

<19990901040850.OPCS1834.hvmta01-stg@[38.11.199.217]>

for <allen@acninc.net>; Wed, 1 Sep 1999 00:08:50 -0400From:

Quixtar News <digitalwebave@usa.net>To:

<allen@acninc.net>Message-Id:

<419.436403.96267153digitalwebave@usa.net>Subject: All you need to know to Shop Discount Stores Mime-Version: 1.0Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-asciiContent-Transfer-Encoding: 7bitDate: Wed, 1 Sep 1999 00:08:54 -0400Would you like access to shop at one of the World's largest online shopping discount stores that has 15,000 pages and 100,000 links? Name brand VCRs, Camera's, computers, shoes, clothing, jewelry, tires, … products from all walks of life at discount prices! Brand new online Sept.1, 1999Would you like to profit from sending others to shop Quixtar? Check out the benefits of becoming a member-plus of Quixtar!Can you to benefit from the e-commerce explosion? For additional information email Quixtar@1webave.com ,saying you are interestedWe are terribly sorry if you have received this message in error. Unsubscribe: just hit reply-send. Thank

you

Created By:

**HBUCKMON** 

Created Date: Updated Date:

09/23/99

Updated By:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

.00

Amt Paid:

Org Name:

.00

Payment Method: Unknown

Agency Contact:

Internet

09/19/99 Complaint Date:

Initial Contact: Internet/E-mail

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Internet Access Services

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)



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Law Violation: Deception/Misrepresentation

Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:
Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

() - Ext:

Year Of Birth

Zip:

Zip:

First:

State

State: XX

State: XX

URL:

URL:www.quixtar.com

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

Country: Not Available

-

Email: digitalwebave@usa.net

Phone: ( ) -

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

Country: Not Available

Email:

Phone: ( ) -

Ext:

Ext:

Company Representative



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MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

725033

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

Company is selling room on thier website for small

businesses, the website never opened. From my conversation with the consumer it seems to be a pyramid. The company gets consumers to invest in the website and they get commission money for getting others to signup and a % of the profits for

goods sold. Consumer used terms such as "downline" and

"upline".

Created By:

TROBINSON

Created Date:

09/02/99

Updated By:

TROBINSON

Updated Date:

09/02/99

Org Name:

TOLL FREE NUMBER AND CONSUMER SENTINEL

Amt Requested:

250.00

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact:

Phone

Complaint Date:

Initial Contact: Internet/E-mail

Transaction Date: 01/01/99

Initial Response: Internet/E-mail

Product/Service: Internet Information & Adult Services

Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Misrepresentations/Deception (note in comments)

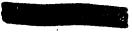
Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name: Address:

First:

State



City:

UNITED STATES

Country: Work phone

() -

Ext:

Fax Number:

() -

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address: Unknown

Unknown

Unknown City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email: abuse@amway URL:

Phone: ( ) -Ext:

Company: Quixtar

Address: Unknown

Unknown

City: Unknown

State: XX Zip:

Ext:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone: ( ) -Company Representative

Associated Company

Company: Amway

Address: 7500 Futon St E

City: ADA State: MI Zip: 49357

Country: UNITED STATES

Phone: (919) 469-4182 Ext:

Reason: Affiliate



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MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

686401

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

This company is supposed to begin on September 1, 1999. A dear friend and her husband, who know nothing about computers or the internet, are anxiously waiting to invest. As they told me about the opportunity, I became suspicious. They spoke of members and signing up, things that sounded to me like a pyramid scheme. The company website seems to imply an association with Microsoft and IBM, though the wording was vague. There is also mention of big money to be earned. My friends are good, honest people and I don't want them to be

scammed. Can you check it out?

Created By:

**HBUCKMON** 

Created Date:

07/23/99

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name:

Amt Requested: Amt Paid:

.00

Payment Method: Unknown

Agency Contact: Internet

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Complaint Date: 07/23/99

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

#### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country:

Work phone

UNITED STATES () -() -

Ext:

Fax Number:

Home Number Email:

Age Range:

Year Of Birth

State





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Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

Country: Not Available

Email:

Company: Quixtar

Phone: ( ) -

Address:

City:

Country: Not Available

Email:

( ) -Phone: Ext:

Company Representative

Associated Company

State: XX Zip:

URL:http://www.quixtar.com/edefaultnoan

im.html

Ext:

State: XX Zip:

URL:



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.:

684508

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

Businessman complains of receiving unsolicited e-mails from

anothe company.

Created By:

FTUCKER

Created Date:

07/21/99

Updated By:

FTUCKÊR

Updated Date:

07/21/99

Org Name:

Planning and Information- BCP

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Mail Complaint Date:

06/01/99

Zip:

Zip:

Initial Contact: Internet/E-mail

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Internet Access Services

Statute/Rule:

Internet Access Related Services Violations

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Invasion of Privacy

Consumer

Complaining

Company/Org.:

Last name: Address:

First

State:

City:

Country: UNITED STATES

Work phone

() -

Fax Number:

() -

() -

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

Year Of Birth

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address: Unknown

Unknown

City: Unknown State: XX

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone:

( )

Ext:

Ext:



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Company Representative
Associated Company



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#### Transaction

Ref No.:

669860

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

A number of people previously involved with International

Heritage are making the rounds of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

soliciting interest in a new muti-level, pyramid scheme. I am an attorney and not involved in either promoting or investing int he scheme. I am just interested in bringing this to the

FTC's attention before we see another round of

disappointments and great financial loss as was suffered by the same people approached on this one as occurred with

International Heritage. Never underestimate the greed of man.

Created By:

Created Date:

07/02/99

Updated By:

**HBUCKMON** 

Updated Date:

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Internet

UNITED STATES

() -

Complaint Date:

06/30/99

Initial Contact: Unknown

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country:

Work phone

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

First

State



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Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:www.quixtar.com and www.countdown9199.com

Phone:

( ) -

Ext:

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone: ( ) -

Ext:

Company Representative



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MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.:

649853

Contact Type:Request for

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

Information

Consumer wanted information on a company.

Created By:

MMAYO

Created Date:

06/09/99

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name:

TOLL FREE NUMBER AND CONSUMER SENTINEL

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Phone

Complaint Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Internet Access Services

Statute/Rule: Law Violation:

Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

First:

City:

UNITED STATES

Country: Work phone

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() -

Ext:

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

Year Of Birth

Zip:

State:

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address: Unknown

Unknown

City:

Unknown

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone:

( ) -

Ext:

Company Representative

Associated Company

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### Transaction

Ref No.:

631072

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

I have helped you in the past so please listen now. This has got to be the biggest scam to ever hit the internet. Backed by the Amway MLM company and it is called Quixtar.Do a newsgroup sweep using Deja News and Alta Vista then use search engines

to view the various web sites that are popping up like

popcorn. You will see wild income claims, claims that say Bill Gates endorses it and on and on. This one will be a T-bone steak for the FTC and perhaps the Waterloo for Multi-Level-Marketing. Just use keyword Quixtar and you'll see. This

Quixtar is also on AOL MLM forums.

Created By:

**HBUCKMON** 

Created Date: Updated Date:

05/17/99

Updated By:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Org Name: Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact:

Internet

Complaint Date: 05/14/99

First

Initial Contact: Unknown

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country:

UNITED STATES

Work phone

() -

Fax Number:

() -

Home Number Email:

Age Range:

Ext:



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Company

Company: Quixtar (Amway)

Address:

City: State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email: URL:

Phone: ( ) - Ext:

Company Representative



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Law Violation:

Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country:

Work phone

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

Country: Not Available

INITED

() -

() -

Email:

( ) -Phone:

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

Country: Not Available

Email: Phone:

Company Representative

( ) -

Ext:

Ext:

Associated Company

First

State

Year Of Birth

Zip:

Zip:

State: XX

URL:Quixtar.com

URL:

State: XX

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Transaction

Ref No.:

617041

Contact Type:Request for

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

Information

Unidentified consumer wanted any info about Quixtar - an internet mall opening September 1, 1999. He says that it is a

venture of Amway Corp.

Created By:

MVANTUSKO

Created Date:

04/22/99

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name:

East Central Region

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Phone

Complaint Date:

04/22/99

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Multi-Level Mktg\Pyramids\Chain Letters

Statute/Rule:

Rule / Other

Law Violation: Other (Note the Violation in the Comment Field)

Consumer

Company

Company: QUIXTAR Internet Based Business

Address:

unknown

City:

Unknown

State: ZZ Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone:

( ) -

Ext:

Company Representative



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MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

583375

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? Y

Comments:

I have been asked to join a new e-commerce marketing company who's grand opening is supposed to be September 1, 1999. I've been told that this new venture consists of three

corporations: Microsoft; IBM; and Amway. I'm surprised that these companies would be involved in a pyramid scheme. I

have located an additional website at:

http://www.countdown9199.com/english/website/etail.htmlI was asked to attend a seminar in Athens, Alabama next week. The presentation is to be delivered by a Dr. David Morgan of Athens, 256-232-9242. My neighbor said, if this Doctor is in

the group, it can't be a scheme, but I have my doubts. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Feel fre e to call me if you have any questions. Please keep my name confidential if you plan to investigate. Thank

you

Created By:

FTUCKER

UNITED STATES

Created Date: 03/25/99

Updated Date:

Updated By:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

168.00

Amt Paid:

Org Name:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Internet Complaint Date: 03/12/99

Initial Contact: Phone

Transaction Date: 03/08/99

Initial Response:

Product/Service: Investments: Other (note in comments)

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BCP)

Law Violation:

Deception/Misrepresentation

### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country: Work phone

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

First:

State:

ear Of Birth

53



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Company

Company: Quixtar

Address: Unknown

Unknown

City: Unknown

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email: unknown

URL:http://www.quixtar.com

Phone: ( ) - Ext:

Company: Quixtar

Address: Unknown

Unknown

City: Unknown

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Ext:

Phone: ()

Company Representative



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.:

768338

Contact Type:Request for Information

Source: Consumer

Comments:

Re: antitrust. Referred to BC, Frances Cariaga

Created By:

IBOLEN

Created Date:

10/19/99

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name:

Planning and Information- BCP

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact: Mail

Complaint Date:

10/18/99

Initial Response:

Product/Service:

Statute/Rule:

FTC Act Sec 5 (BC)

Law Violation:

Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

First:

State:

Zip:

Address:

City:

UNITED STATES

Country: Work phone

Fax Number:

Ext:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

Year Of Birth

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address: Unknown

Unknown

City:

Unknown

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

() -

Email:

URL:

Phone:

( ) -

Ext:

Company Representative



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

707858

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? N

Comments:

I would like more information on Quixtar, a division of

Amway. There personel are really pushing this company in my

area and making grand promises of guick, easy wealth.

skeptical to say the least. Thanks

Ext:

Created By:

**HBUCKMON** 

Created Date: 08/13/99

Updated By:

Updated Date:

Org Name:

Amt Paid:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

225.00 .00

Payment Method: Unknown

Agency Contact: Internet Complaint Date:

08/09/99

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date: 08/09/99

Initial Response:

Product/Service: OS-Other (Note type in comments)

Statute/Rule: Law Violation:

### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country:

Work phone Fax Number: () -

UNITED STATES

()

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

First:

State:



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MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:www.quixtar.com

Phone:

( ) -

Ext:

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: XX Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Phone:

( ) –

Ext:

Company Representative



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MWOODSON

#### Transaction

Ref No.:

627865

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? N

Comments:

This is not a complaint, but rather a request for information on a company known as Quixtar, Inc. Does the FTC have any information on this\_company, and does there exist an advisory, or cautionary information published in relation to doing business with them? I have been contacted by a representative of Quixtar and asked to join as they introduce the company 1 September 1999. Through my personal research I have discovered that the company is closely affiliated with Amway and its multi-level marketing schemes, although when that direct question is asked of the contact person he deflects it by saying we are using their infrastructure and business plan, but we have no affiliation with them. My questio n is one of internet law, and what is legal today, or pending litigation that may impact the law in the future - Is this type of company allowed to legally operate over the internet? My local Better Business Bureau was unable to help

Thank you for your time on this matter

Created By:

HBUCKMON

Internet

Created Date: Updated Date:

05/13/99

Updated By:

Org Name:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

150.00

Amt Paid:

.00

Payment Method: Unknown

Agency Contact:

Complaint Date:

05/12/99

Initial Contact: In Person

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: OS-Other (Note type in comments)

Statute/Rule:

53



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MWOODSON

### Transaction

Ref No.:

602202

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? N

Comments:

I was approached by QUIXTAR stating that I could make

thousands, by building web sites and working from home as ago between for the buyer and wholesaler. I can't seem to find

ANY info on this comapny and would like to see thier

records/books etc prior to doing business with them. Is there

anything you can do ? I read your advise and I plan to use it... IF I can find this QUIXTAR company. I woould

appreciate any he<u>lp you can</u>

or by e-mail at

Created By:

**HBUCKMON** 

Created Date: Updated Date:

04/15/99

Updated By:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Org Name:

.00

Payment Method: Unknown

Agency Contact:

Internet

Complaint Date:

04/15/99

Initial Contact: Internet/E-mail

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: OS-Other (Note type in comments)

Statute/Rule: Law Violation:

### Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country:

Work phone

Fax Number:

Home Number:

() -

Email:

Age Range:

State

Ext:



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Company

Company: QUIXTAR Internet Based Business

Address:

unknown

City: Unknown

State: ZZ Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email: unknown

URL:www.countdown9199.com

Phone: () - Ext:

Company: QUIXTAR Internet Based Business

Address:

unknown

City: Unknown

State: ZZ Zip:

Country: Not Available

Email:

URL:

Ext:

Phone: ( ) -

Company Representative



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Transaction

Ref No.:

593824

Contact Type:Complaint

Source: Consumer

TCS? N

Comments:

This is NOT a complaint. Just would like information if this new company has been registered as an individual company or is it just part of the Amway Corporation. Owners Rich DeVos

and Jay Vanandel? -

Created By:

**HBUCKMON** 

Created Date: Updated Date:

04/06/99

Updated By:

PUBLIC USERS - CIS

Org Name: Amt Requested:

Amt Paid:

Payment Method:

Agency Contact:

Internet

UNITED STATES

() -

Complaint Date:

04/01/99

Initial Contact: Unknown

Transaction Date:

Initial Response:

Product/Service: OS-Other (Note type in comments)

Statute/Rule: Law Violation:

Consumer

Complaining Company/Org.:

Last name:

Address:

City:

Country: Work phone

Fax Number:

Home Number:

Email:

Age Range:

First:

State



06/02/2000

MWOODSON

Company

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: MI Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

URL:Quixtar.com

Phone:

( ) –

Ext:

Company: Quixtar

Address:

City:

State: MI Zip:

Country: UNITED STATES

Email:

URL:

Phone: ( ) -

Ext:

Company Representative