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FTC Executes First Civil Imprisonment for Non-Compliance With Court Judgment

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Wednesday 10th December 2025 - The Fair Trading Commission (FTC) hereby informs the public that Mr. Faddy Francourt has been civilly imprisoned for his continued failure to comply with a Fair Trading Tribunal judgment in favour of Vision Care (Seychelles) Pty Ltd. This action follows persistent non-payment despite repeated opportunities for settlement and marks the first civil imprisonment executed through the FTC's enforcement mechanisms.

The matter originated from a complaint lodged by Vision Care (Seychelles) Pty Ltd, which was duly investigated and adjudicated through the Commission's established procedures. Following the issuance of a ruling requiring Mr. Francourt to settle the outstanding sum, the respondent failed to make payment. The case was subsequently referred to the Fair Trading Tribunal for enforcement, where a judgment was rendered ordering Mr. Francourt to fulfil his financial obligation.

Over an extended period, the respondent was granted multiple chances to comply with the judgment, including notices, reminders, and opportunities to enter into a payment arrangement. However, no satisfactory action was taken. As provided under the law, when all other remedies have been exhausted and the respondent remains unwilling to comply, the FTC may pursue civil imprisonment as a last resort. The Commission therefore proceeded with the necessary legal steps, resulting in a committal order being executed.

Civil imprisonment is not a punitive measure, but an enforcement tool permitted under Seychelles law to compel compliance with lawful court judgments. Its use underscores the seriousness with which the FTC approaches the enforcement of consumer rights.. Businesses and individuals who secure judgments through the Commission are entitled to timely and lawful redress, and the Commission has a responsibility to ensure these judgments are respected.

This first imprisonment represents a significant step in strengthening the integrity of the enforcement process and reaffirms the Commission's commitment to upholding consumer protection, promoting responsible commercial conduct, and ensuring adherence to the rule of law.

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