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Submitted Via Email

Squarespace Domains II, LLC

abuse-complaints@squarespace.com; legal@squarespace.com

*Re: Use of the Federal Trade Commission's Name in a Domain Registered by
Squarespace Domains II, LLC*

Dear Squarespace Domains II, LLC ("SquareSpace"):

I write to inform you that a website registered by SquareSpace, ftcinfousa.org, appears to be impersonating the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

The domain name itself, ftcinfousa.org, employs the abbreviations "ftc" and "usa" in its second level domain, which may give the impression that the website is associated with the Federal Trade Commission, an agency of the United States government. While the public domain landing page says the site is "under construction," (Attachment A), it appears to be connected to a phishing scheme. On October 1, 2025, a consumer received an email from the email address sam.rau@ftcinfousa.org purporting to be an employee of the FTC's Division of Privacy and Identity Protection ("DPIP") (Attachment B, consumer information redacted). The FTC, however, is not affiliated with the entities or individuals operating ftcinfousa.org and does not employ the supposed Mr. Rau.

Please be advised that it is a violation of the Rule on Impersonation of Government and Businesses, 16 C.F.R. § 461, to "materially misrepresent, directly or by implication, affiliation with, including endorsement or sponsorship by, a government entity or officer."

Government impersonation is a serious consumer protection issue, and the number of consumers reporting losing money to government imposters is only growing. We would appreciate it if you would please provide the following data or information concerning the domain ftcinfousa.info:

- A. Registrant's name;
- B. Registrant's email address and telephone number;
- C. Registrant's IP address;
- D. Registrant's payment information; and
- E. Information sufficient to identify any other domains paid for using the same means and source of payment as federaltradecommissionconsulting.com.

Please respond directly, and direct any questions, to Sara Tonnesen, stonnesen@ftc.gov or 202-326-2879.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lois C. Greisman
Lois C. Greisman

Attachment A



ftcinfousa.org

We're under construction. Please check back for an update soon.

File Name ftcinfousa.org-2026-10-02-12-48-32-0.jpg	File Signature (PKCS#1v1.5) 6f9a89cb291a03eec49bd05bb6fedf46a15edd31e2c32b81fbd81c39be6f743fd312cb8303e476ece93302c564e7746d5aecc72af7c936cfdc5a7ce08cf14d0524ce1103a44c1b86bdcbf909deded92f6976464aaabae52e4f57bcfee9bb48f1eb71e033b45fa336c8044e77a28baf276f3df60a1a7b9676fc3e5c0a4ae539a1ba7e2178e53a14c607623870f3f835a429dd1245653cbde0a62b18032c2108b52ad7a87a759df7995a3eb5fcc2bc06ba43030dbe739752e2bb184a4b6882a24c31c547e080f897b02db166e728b4aa513a076504457e37097451d8b46622d656f5ca75c7129017a4f91727f3d5aa85c3feea787cfba77b2b9e8810c67589ef6
Source URL https://ftcinfousa.org/	
Collection Timestamp Fri Oct 02 2026 12:48:32 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)	
File Hash (SHA256) 1f6d6b439c200a4ab891a2ae2b9fad7c830d164efd01dd9a2b658eb16ee54e59	

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ftcinfousa.org-2026-10-02-12-48-32-1.jpg

Source URL

<https://ftcinfousa.org/>

Collection Timestamp

Fri Oct 02 2026 12:48:32 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)

File Hash (SHA256)

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File Signature (PKCS#1v1.5)

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Attachment B

Tyndall, Reeve

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2026 5:51 PM
To: Tyndall, Reeve
Subject: FW: Urgent Follow-Up: Official Update Regarding Your Recovery Case – Case ID: 1402

Mr. Reeve Tyndall,
Is this email legitimate? Is it a fraud scam?
Thank you

[REDACTED],
If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.
Mark Twain

-----Original Message-----

From: Sam Rau <sam.rau@ftcinfousa.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2026 8:29 AM
To: Sam Rau <sam.rau@ftcinfousa.org>
Subject: Urgent Follow-Up: Official Update Regarding Your Recovery Case – Case ID: 1402

Please read the email carefully from beginning to end, ensuring that every word and detail is fully reviewed

My name is Sam Rau, and I am writing on behalf of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regarding your recovery case, Case ID: 1402.

If you have received this email again, it means that we have not yet received a response from you regarding our previous message.

For this reason, we are following up and sending the email again to ensure that you have received it.

We have received your report concerning a fraudulent investment scheme in which you unfortunately lost funds. After reviewing your submission, your case has been assigned for recovery review by the Federal Trade Commission.

Despite several attempts to contact you by telephone, we have been unable to reach you. As your case requires timely attention, we kindly ask that you contact us at your earliest convenience so we can discuss the next steps and provide important updates regarding your recovery.

Please note that Sam Rau is the only agent responsible for your case. Any other names you may receive, apart from communications from my email address, sam.rau@ftcinfousa.org <mailto:sam.rau@ftcinfousa.org>, should not be considered valid or official communication regarding your case.

I strongly suggest that you block or avoid responding to emails from anyone else claiming to be responsible for your case.

Once again, please note that Sam Rau is the only agent responsible for your case.

Our team is committed to handling your case securely, professionally, and efficiently. If you wish to proceed with the recovery process, please reply directly to this email. Maintaining communication is essential to ensure your case remains active and that any required actions can be completed without unnecessary delay.

We kindly ask that you respond to our email regarding your case at your earliest convenience.

If we do not receive a response from you, we will unfortunately be required to close your recovery case in accordance with our standard procedures. Once a case has been closed, you may be unable to provide further recovery-related assistance under the current case assignment.

Please understand that this is not intended as a threat. Our agency follows established policies and procedures that apply to all cases, and these guidelines require us to close inactive cases after a period without client communication.

Please also note that if you reply to our email requesting cancellation of the recovery process, or if you choose not to proceed with the required recovery protocol, we will process your request and close the case accordingly.

If you wish to continue with your recovery case, we encourage you to reply to our email as soon as possible so we can proceed without interruption.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Case Information

- * Case ID: 1402
- * Status: Your reported wallet has been identified as part of the recovery investigation.
- * Estimated Processing Time: Once all verification requirements have been completed, the recovery procedure can generally be finalized within approximately one hour.

Please note that if we do not receive a response after multiple contact attempts, your case may be placed into inactive status, and the recovery process may be cancelled.

Next Steps

To protect your privacy and ensure the security of your case, we recommend arranging a telephone consultation. During the call, we will:

- * Verify your identity.
- * Discuss your case in detail.
- * Explain the recovery process.
- * Answer any questions you may have.

When contacting us, please reference Case ID: 1402 to assist with verification and case identification. Alternatively, you may simply reply to this email and include your Case ID in your message so we can process your correspondence promptly.

If This Email Was Delivered to Your Spam or Junk Folder

If you found this email in your Spam or Junk folder, it is most likely because our email address is not yet in your contacts.

To ensure you receive future updates regarding your case:

1. Open your Spam or Junk folder.
2. Select this email.
3. Click "Not Spam", "Not Junk", or "Move to Inbox" (the wording may vary depending on your email provider).
4. Add sam.rau@ftcinfousa.org <<mailto:sam.rau@ftcinfousa.org>> to your contacts or safe senders list.

This will help ensure that future correspondence is delivered directly to your inbox.

Working Hours

Our office hours are:

Monday to Friday
9:30 AM – 5:30 PM (Eastern Time - ET)

Closed on official U.S. federal public holidays.

Customer Support

If you have previously contacted our customer support team and have not yet received a response, it simply means that our representatives are currently assisting other clients. Please try contacting us again later, or wait for one of our representatives to respond to your inquiry. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Security Notice

For verification and security purposes, please include your Case ID (1402) and my name, Sam Rau, in all correspondence. This helps us maintain accurate records and ensures your case is handled securely and efficiently.

We appreciate your cooperation and remain committed to providing professional assistance throughout your recovery process.

Also please understand that Sam Rau is only Agent who is responsible for your case, any other one contacting you regarding this we are encourage you to not follow him/her

Kind regards,

Sam Rau

Division of Privacy and Identity Protection Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Email: sam.rau@ftcinfousa.org <mailto:sam.rau@ftcinfousa.org>

Website:

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ftc.gov%2F&data=05%7C02%7Crtyndall%40ftc.gov%7C49d971571728435b29a108df2006078e%7C7302cab5af5469baf17700007935a01%7C0%7C0%7C639264882621552059%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOIjoiTWFPbCIsIlldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wwKmmOc7I1acRgmbF30Tdtq7F0Yi88ljiH3KU2yGd9Q%3D&reserved=0>

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