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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ONONDAGA

STATE OF NEW YORK

RJI NO: 33.18.2780

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AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, FSB

Plaintiff,

ORDER

vs.

JAMES TOSCANO and PERFECTLY PICKLED PRODUCTS, LLC d/b/a PER PICKLED PROD, LLC

Defendant(s).

Plaintiff has moved this Court pursuant to *CPLR § 3212* for an order granting summary judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants in action arising out of the breach of a credit agreement. In support of the motion, the Plaintiff has submitted the Notice of Motion dated August 10, 2018, the Affirmation of Virginia Grapensteter, Esq. dated August 10, 2018, and the Affidavit of Vivian Hinds dated July 13, 2018 with Exhibits annexed thereto. The Defendants submitted written Opposition to the Plaintiff's motion to which the Plaintiff submitted a written Reply

Both the Plaintiff and Defendant having appeared before me on December 12, 2018 and upon hearing Patrick Haber, Esq. on behalf of the Plaintiff and the Kevin O'Connell on behalf of the Defendants, and due deliberation having been had; it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment pursuant to CPLR § 3212 is decided as follows:

- 1) Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment against the Defendant James Toscano is denied; and
- Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment against the Defendant Perfectly Pickled Products, LLC d/b/a Per Pickled Prod, LLC is granted and that the Plaintiff shall recover the sum of \$17,089.24 plus costs and disbursements.

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4	- against -									
5	JAMES TOSCANO AND PERFECTLY PICKLED PRODUCTS, LLC, D/B/A PER PICKLED PROD, LLC,									
6	Defendant.									
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12	HONORABLE ANTHONY J. PARIS,									
13	SUPREME COURT JUSTICE									
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1 THE CLERK: American Express versus Toscano, et 2 al. 3 MR. HABER: Patrick Haber appearing as local counsel for Zwicker and Associates on behalf of 4 5 American Express. 6 MR. O'CONNELL: Kevin O'Connell appearing on 7 behalf of defendants Perfectly Pickled Products and 8 James Toscano. 9 THE COURT: Counsel want to be heard? 10 MR. HABER: Judge, I would rely on the papers 11 submitted, unless the Court has any questions. 12 THE COURT: Counsel? 13 MR. O'CONNELL: Judge, I just reiterate the 14 fact that there is clearly a genuine issue of material fact relative to whether or not Mr. Toscano 15 16 authorized any member of the corporation or company, 17 which he was involved at the time, to secure a credit 18 card in his name, or whether or not he himself 19 applied for the credit card. 20 THE COURT: Before I render this decision, what 21 is Perfectly Pickled? 22 MR. O'CONNELL: They sell pickled eggs, pickled 23 beets. 24 THE COURT: Plaintiff has moved for summary 25 judgment against defendant Toscano and corporate

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1	defendant Perfectly Pickled. Defendants have opposed								
2	this motion. While plaintiff has come forth with								
3	evidence in admissible form to show that the								
4	corporate defendant entered into a credit card								
5	agreement with plaintiff, there is no evidence that								
6	defendant Toscano was a party to same. The address								
7	on the account is not defendant's home address but								
8	rather that of one Michael Trudell, who maybe the								
9	corporate officer who bound the corporate defendant								
10	but not defendant Toscano.								
11	Also, plaintiff does not present any signatory								
12	evidence or any contractual agreement executed by								
13	defendant Toscano or any evidence that he signed for								
14	any charges made in his name.								
15	Therefore, plaintiff is granted partial summary								
16	judgment against the corporation but not against the								
17	individual defendant James Toscano. It is noted that								
18	in his opposition to this motion, counsel for								
19	defendant Toscano requested that the complaint be								
20	dismissed, but that relief cannot be granted, as no								
21	cross-motion was filed.								
22	Mr. Haber, will you prepare the order, send it								
23	to Mr. O'Connell for his approval. And if you are								
24	going to proceed, we need a scheduling order. Okay.								
25	MR. HABER: Thank you, Judge.								

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