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U.S.Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration Office of Defect Investigation
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400 7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Auto Accident: 10/26/04
Product: 1999 Dodge RAM 3500, vin# 1B7MF3364X
Failure: Driver's side Air Bag

I am writing concerning the above vehicle for which I was the driver at the time of the accident. The accident was a head-on collision resulting in the total loss of both vehicles. The damage to my vehicle was to the complete front end. Yet, neither the passenger nor drivers air bags deployed. I have notified the manufacturer Daimler Chrysler of this failure and of the injuries sustained. However, they are refusing to look into the matter on the basis that I personally no longer have the location of my vehicle. This despite my furnishing the insurance companies location, adjuster, etc.

I am not sure if your agency reviews such incidents, but believe that if these air bags are sold and insisted on by the United States. Then there is an obligation on the part of the County to police such failures with the suppliers.

If your agency were not the appropriate one, then I would ask that you forward this information on the correct one, and notify me accordingly.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your response.

Regards, 

*Answered
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