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To whom it may concern:

Please find attached a copy of the Letter of Notice sent to Daimler Chrysler Motors in connection with the above complaint.

Sincerely,
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Boulder Creek, CA

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Daimler Chrysler Motors, Inc.
Special Investigations
PO Box 218004
Auburn Hills, MI 48321
May 3rd, 2005

Ref:	Accident Report File #:	Letter of Notice 13503915
	VIN #:	1D7HL12X83S
	Progressive Claim #:	045117024
	Progressive Policy #:	60538877-5

To whom it may concern:

January 1st, 2005, after having four almost complete stops on a plateau of a hill within 50 yards at the corner of Blackstone Court and Blackstone Drive in Boulder Creek, California, I started to descend.

In order to shift in lower gear I pushed the brake pedal at the first curve down. For a fraction of a moment it gave a very slight resistance then immediately went down to the floor without any noticeable resistance. This got me into an unwanted acceleration. Since I am used to hand parking brakes, I did not think of shifting my foot to the parking brake. I desperately tried to shift in lower gear to slow down before reaching the T-junction at Blackstone Drive and West Park Avenue. I could negotiate the second sharp down hill curve, but I because of the increased speed, and may be other factors I lost control of the truck and drove off the road, hit and broke a tree, the right side of the vehicle slid against the wood trimming of the house at 13756 West Park Avenue. The camper shell broke off and crashed into the living room window and the fender bent the right frame of the family room window.

Later investigation found that the front right upper joint had been separated that cut the brake line to the front right wheel. I reported the accident both to the insurance company and NHTSA ODI.

I hired Douglas McIlwraith B.S.M.E. of ForensisGroup to do an investigation. He made some non-invasive inspections and wishes to do additional part and component tests.

Hereby, we offer you thirty days if you wish to inspect the vehicle at
Creek, CA If we do not hear from you within this period, we will consider it as
authorizing us to do the investigation and accepting its results thus waiving your right to do your
own prior investigation or supervise our investigation.

Your immediate cooperation would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Boulder Creek, CA

Cc: Progressive
NHTSA ODI
ForensisGroup