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Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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NATIONAL HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADM.

Re: Safety Recall

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to the letter of recall I received for my son, [REDACTED] vehicle. He owned a black 2000 Dodge Durango RT. He purchased the car new in 2000. [REDACTED] was killed in an accident in this car on January 25 2002. He was thirty six years old and would have turned thirty seven the very next day. This was a one-vehicle accident and my son was alone in the car. The patrolman that investigated the accident said that he lost control of the car and hit a pine tree and no speeding was involved. My son died within seconds of the impact.

[REDACTED] was always a careful driver and took such good care of his car. He drove a furniture truck for his dad's business for sixteen years.

We only learned about the recall in January 2005. The defective upper ball joints may have caused this accident. The car was a total loss and was sold for salvage. I will always believe that something did happen with the front of his car making him run off the road, causing this fatal accident.

I am enclosing the death certificate, the letter of recall, the newspaper clipping of the accident, the report on the condition of the car after the wreck, a picture of the car and [REDACTED] picture.

Please send response to [REDACTED] Asheboro, NC [REDACTED] I also may be reached by telephone at [REDACTED]

Sincerely Yours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: Crumley & Associates Law Firm

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DAIMLERCHRYSLER

*Recalls are
for Safety!*[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
ASHEBORO, NC [REDACTED]**SAFETY RECALL - UPPER BALL JOINTS**

Dear Darren T Davis:

This is to inform you of a safety issue concerning 2000 through early-2003 model year Dodge Durango 4x4 vehicles and Dodge Dakota 4x4 pick-up trucks. Excessive wear of the upper ball joint may cause the front wheel to separate from the vehicle and result in a loss of control.

The problem is... Water may enter into the front suspension upper ball joints on your vehicle (VIN: 1B4HS28Z8YF[REDACTED]), and cause corrosion and premature wear. A seriously worn ball joint may cause a "clunking" noise to develop in the front suspension. However, vehicle occupants may not always hear this "clunking" noise. Losing control of the vehicle could result in a crash.

What your dealer will do... DaimlerChrysler will repair your vehicle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will replace both front suspension upper ball joints. The work will take about two hours to complete. However, additional time may be necessary depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed.

What you must do to ensure your safety... Simply contact your dealer right away to schedule a service appointment. Ask the dealer to hold the parts for your vehicle or to order them before your appointment. Remember to bring this letter with you to your dealer.

If you need help... If you have questions or concerns which your dealer is unable to resolve, please contact DaimlerChrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

Please help us update our records, by filling out the enclosed prepaid postcard, if any of the conditions listed on the card apply to you or your vehicle. Be sure to print the last eight (8) characters of the VIN (YF[REDACTED]) and notification code D47 on the postcard.

If you have already experienced this condition and have paid to have it repaired, you may send your original receipts and/or other adequate proof of payment to the following address for reimbursement: DaimlerChrysler, P.O. Box 610207, Port Huron, MI 48061-0207, Attention: Reimbursement.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We're sorry for any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Customer Services Field Operations
DaimlerChrysler Corporation
Notification Code D47

Note to lenders receiving this recall: Federal regulation requires that you forward this recall notice to the lessee within 10 days.

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SHORT TAKES

Asheboro man killed in one-vehicle accident

From staff reports

ASHEBORO — An Asheboro businessman was killed Thursday night in a one-vehicle accident on Leesiter Mill Road, according to a report from the N.C. Highway Patrol.

██████████, who would have been ██████████ old today, was fatally injured when his 2000 Dodge SUV overturned. He lived on Oakwood Acres Lane in Asheboro

and worked with his father ██████████ at Affordable Furniture on Fayetteville Street.

A spokesman at the highway patrol office in Asheboro said ██████████ was traveling south on Leesiter Mill Road about 11:55 p.m. Thursday night. About 10 miles southwest of Asheboro, the SUV ran off the road on the right in a curve. The driver attempted to get back on the roadway, but lost control in the rain and went off the

left side of the road.

The vehicle stuck a mailbox, a culvert and a tree. Upon impact with the tree, the vehicle began to overturn and stuck a second tree with the top of the vehicle.

██████████ was extricated from the vehicle by Ash-Rand Rescue Squad personnel from Base 3 in Tabernacle.

██████████ estimated the speed of the SUV at 55 mph and damage to the vehicle at \$15,000.

DAMAGE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

VEHICLES FIVE (5) YEARS OLD AND NEWER (Applies to Numbers 1 and 4)
Alterations or erasures void this form.

STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT EVERY SELLER DISCLOSE TO THE BUYER IF HE KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD KNOW, THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN CIVIL LIABILITY.

MAKE	BODY STYLE	YEAR MODEL	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
DODGE	SPORT WAGON	2000	1B4HS2

1. Has this vehicle been damaged by collision or other occurrence to the extent that the damages exceed 25% of its value at the time of the collision or other occurrence? If yes, list parts that were damaged. <u>ALL OVER</u>	YES ☒	NO ☐
2. Was this vehicle a salvage motor vehicle? (Applies to any year model) If yes, in which state was it titled?	YES ☐	NO ☒
3. Is this vehicle a flood vehicle? (Applies to any year model)	YES ☐	NO ☒
4. Is this vehicle a theft vehicle? If yes, list parts that were damaged	YES ☐	NO ☒
5. Has this vehicle been reconstructed? (Applies to any year model)	YES ☐	NO ☒

I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BUYER:

 _____ Signature of Seller	 _____ Signature of Buyer
Address Of Seller _____	Address of Buyer _____

DEALER # OR SELLER'S DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER _____

NOTICE TO BUYER:

RETAIN THIS INFORMATION. STATE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO DISCLOSE SIMILAR DAMAGE INFORMATION WHEN YOU SELL OR TRANSFER TITLE TO THIS VEHICLE IF IT IS LESS THAN FIVE MODEL YEARS OLD.

Damage Disclosure Definitions

Flood Vehicle-A motor vehicle that has been submerged or partially submerged in water to the extent that damage to the body, engine, transmission, or differential has occurred.

Reconstructed Vehicle-A motor vehicle of a type required to be registered hereunder that has been materially altered from original construction due to removal, addition or substitution or new or used essential parts; and includes glider kits and custom assembled vehicles.

Salvage Motor Vehicle-Any motor vehicle damaged by collision or other occurrence to the extent that the cost of repairs to the vehicle and rendering the vehicle safe for use on the public streets and highways would exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of its fair retail market value, whether or not the motor vehicle has been declared a total loss by an insurer or a vehicle for which an insurance company has paid a claim that exceeds 75% of the fair market retail value. Repairs shall include the cost of parts and labor. Fair market retail values shall be as found in the NADA Pricing Guide Book or other publications approved by the Commissioner.

Junk Vehicle-A motor vehicle which is incapable of operation or use upon the highways and has no resale value except as a source of parts or scrap, and shall not be titled or registered.



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY - VITAL RECORDS SECTION
MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Registration District No. 076 00 Local No. _____

ORIGINAL

DECEDENT

JAN 30 2002

CAUSE OF DEATH

CERTIFIER

DISPOSITION

1. DECEASED'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) <u>[REDACTED]</u>		SEX 2. Male		DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) 3. 1-24-02	
4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <u>[REDACTED]</u>	5a. AGE - Last Birthday (Years) <u>[REDACTED]</u>	5b. MONTHS <u>[REDACTED]</u>	5c. DAYS <u>[REDACTED]</u>	6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) <u>[REDACTED]</u>	7. BIRTH PLACE (County and State or Foreign Country) 8. Wake Co., NC
9. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (Yes or No) a. NO					
10. FACILITY NAME (If not institution, give street and number) 11. <u>Lassiter Mill Road</u>					
12. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH 13. <u>Asheboro</u>					
14. INSIDE CITY LIMITS? (Yes or No) 15. <u>NO</u>					
16. COUNTY OF DEATH 17. <u>Randolph</u>					
18. DECEASED'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give exact if work done during week of death; do not list retired) 19. <u>Delivery person</u>					
20. KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY 21. <u>Furniture Sales</u>					
22. RESIDENCE - STATE 23. <u>NC</u>					
24. COUNTY 25. <u>Randolph</u>					
26. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION 27. <u>Asheboro</u>					
28. STREET AND NUMBER 29. <u>1120 Oakwood Acres Rd.</u>					
30. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Yes or No) 31. <u>NO</u>					
32. ZIP CODE 33. <u>27203</u>					
34. Was Decedent of Hispanic Origin? (Specify Yes or No - If yes, specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.) 35. <u>NO</u>					
36. RACE - American Indian, Black, White, etc. (Specify) 37. <u>white</u>					
38. DECEASED'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed; Elementary/Secondary/High School/College/Postgraduate) 39. <u>12</u>					
40. FATHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) <u>[REDACTED]</u>					
41. MOTHER'S NAME (First, Middle, Last) <u>[REDACTED]</u>					
42. RECORDIAN'S NAME (Type/Title) <u>[REDACTED]</u>					
43. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State) <u>[REDACTED]</u>					
44. PAR (List only one cause or each line) 45. <u>Open Head Injuries</u> 46. DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) 47. <u>secs.</u>					
48. IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) 49. <u>Open Head Injuries</u> 50. DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) 51. <u>secs.</u>					
52. Sufficiently that conditions existing, leading to immediate cause. Enter UNDERLYING CAUSE (Disease or injury that initiated process resulting in death) LAST 53. <u>secs.</u>					
54. PART II: One significant condition contributing to death but not the underlying cause given in Part I 55. <u>secs.</u>					
56. MANNER OF DEATH 57. <u>Natural</u> 58. <u>Accidental</u> 59. <u>suicide</u> 60. <u>homicide</u> 61. <u>undetermined</u>					
62. DATE OF INJURY 63. <u>1/24/02</u>					
64. TIME OF INJURY 65. <u>2350 M.</u>					
66. INJURY AT WORK? (Yes or No) 67. <u>NO</u>					
68. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED 69. <u>MVA</u>					
70. PLACE OF INJURY - home, farm, street, factory, other building, etc. (Specify) 71. <u>Lassiter Mill Rd., Asheboro, NC</u>					
72. LOCATION (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State) 73. <u>Lassiter Mill Rd., Asheboro, NC</u>					
74. TIME OF DEATH 75. <u>2350</u>					
76. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETED THIS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH (Item 20) (Type or Print) 77. <u>Marion W. Griffin, MD, 716 S. Park St., Asheboro, NC 27203</u>					
78. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) 79. <u>1/30/02</u>					
80. DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year) 81. <u>1/25/02</u>					
82. METHOD OF DISPOSITION 83. <u>Burial</u> 84. <u>Other</u> (Specify)					
85. PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, church, or other place) 86. <u>United Methodist Church</u>					
87. LOCATION - City or Town, State, Zip Code 88. <u>Franklinville, NC 27248</u>					
89. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME 90. <u>Push Funeral Home, Inc., 457 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, NC 27203</u>					
91. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR (Type or Print) 92. <u>J. T. Pugh, III</u>					
93. LICENSE NUMBER 94. <u>2842</u>					
95. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR 96. <u>John D. Spencer</u>					
97. LICENSE NUMBER 98. <u>599</u>					

I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy which appears on record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Randolph County, N.C.

Witness my hand and seal this the 30 day of January, 20 02.

ANN SHAW, REGISTER OF DEEDS

By: [Signature]