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**U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Defects Investigation  
NVS-210, 400 7<sup>th</sup>. Street, S.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20590**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**On September 22, 2005 my daughter was driving her leased 2004 V-70 Volvo. The car had been parked behind a clinic in East Hampton ,L.I. N.Y. My daughter turned on the ignition backed out , put the car in forward position when suddenly the vehicle accelerated with such tremendous power that she could not control the car by braking. The car went over a cement barrier blowing out two back tires and my daughter was terrified. She called me and said "Mom it was like a Jet plane taking off and I thought it. was curtains" The air bags did not deploy. She turned the wheel and hurt her hands trying to avoid crashing into a building. She turned off the ignition and the car stopped. All of this happened In a matter of seconds.**

**She was almost killed and knows this car to be defective. The car was towed to Eagle Serice in Riverhead, L.I. The car has been sitting there for two weeks. My daughter informed me that Volvo sent someone to inspect the car and said they could not find anything wrong with the car. Nationwaide Ins, examined the car and quoteed \$1800.00 to repair the car. Sharman, my 55yr. old responsible daughter was not able to rent a car because Nationwaide told her it would reflect on her auto Ins. I have told her to wait now and not move the car until we get legal advice from an attorney.. It seems so unjust, when she knows in her heart what happened in that car. She has said she would be so afraid to ever drive the car again.**

*Anna Maria  
10/21/05*

***I have written to the President and C.E.O. of Volvo, N.A. Ann Belec and have not received a reply to my letter.***

***I think this experience should be recorded to warn others. If it is necessary to go to court we will do that. I know my daughter is telling the truth.***

***Any suggestions you could make to guide us thru this ordeal would be greatly appreciated.***

***Car Information: Leased from Palm Beach Volvo, West Palm Beach, Florida. Account number 00000037344805, 2004 Volvo station wagon V-70. Nationwide Policy number 7709 p 717300 under the name of Sharman Peddy. I co-signed on the auto lease.***

***I am enclosing an E-Mail my daughter mailed to me on Sept. 29, 2005***

***Respectfully,***

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Subj: the accident( sept 22nd ,2005 ),,,,,,,,,,,,,, 2004 volvo wagon v70  
Date: 9/29/2005 4:39:27 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]

mom-it has been one week and i still have not gotten over the fright of what happened , my hands and back are still very painful from the intense power that took over the car. I was attempting to back out of the parking place. , there was a large concrete curb in front of me... I turned on the key , and put lever into reverse, in an attempt to back out.  
as I turned my head around to back out the car suddenly speed up to an uncontrollable high speed to the point that it was out of my control. the car lept ahead forward- hit the belgian block and concrete.barrier and slammed down on the blacktop ahead .I was trying with all my might to push the brakes and stop the car but could not , When i finally got the car to stop by turning off the key,I was shaking for my life as i could have hit a building and many cars near to where i was parked..I got out of the car shaking and crying that this had happened . I knew the car was badly damaged when i saw the two flat tired. the airbag never went off. This all happened in an instant.It is the worst experience I can ever imagine happening to anyone. I should have the police report within a day or two and will forward to you as soon as i receive, love sharman