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National Highway Traffic Safety Admin  
Office of Defects Investigation (NEF-10)

Dear Staff:

I'm writing on behalf of a close friend, ██████████  
His Ford pick-up 2003 Ranger malfunctioned by suddenly  
going full speed ahead and caused an accident. The police  
officer investigating the accident refused to believe there  
was a malfunction and put him in jail, charging him  
with "recklessly endangering" and several other offences.

The District Attorney in Roseburg OR (Douglas County) is  
well known for putting people in prison even when he  
knows they are innocent. I've expected a grass roots petition  
to replace him but everyone is afraid to take the lead for that.  
Usually he keeps people in jail with delays for trial until  
he can badger them into a plea bargain. (one case a year  
and four months and ~~two~~ a year and two months!)

But this time the District Attorney rushed Charles to trial  
before the defence lawyer managed to get information on  
other Ford 2003 Ranger pickup causing the same problem.

(The needed information was located 2 days after the trial.

81 people on an internet site reported the same problem.)

The District attorney was informed but he went for the  
maximum sentencing anyway. Judge Poole refused to  
listen but set a limit of 55 days for ██████████ to arrange

a court date to petition for a new trial and he had to  
appear in person. ██████████ lawyer placed an order for  
Charles to be returned to Roseburg with the prison officials.

As soon as sentencing, ██████████ was sent to SRC1 prison  
in Ontario Oregon next to the Idaho border. That's the most  
distant prison from Roseburg. Yes they returned him but  
nearly 10 days too late! So Judge Poole denied a re trial.

It will be expensive to take this to an Appeals Court  
in Eugene Oregon. Neither his widowed mother nor I can  
furnish the money for such expense.

Once before this accident, his Ford Ranger suddenly went

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full speed ahead when he was nearly stopped. Surprise!  
[redacted] managed to stop before it caused any damage.  
He took the Ranger to the Lithia Ford dealer in Roseburg  
but the mechanics could not replicate the problem so  
were unable to fix whatever caused the malfunction.  
They were aware other Ford 2003 Rangers had exhibited  
the same problem but had no answers.

Brief details about the accident: [redacted] drove into a  
driveway to talk to the woman who lived there. Just as  
he arrived she was ready to back out. Two young  
men were sitting beside her in the front seat.  
[redacted] car was only a few feet from the other car  
and stopped when his pick up suddenly went full speed  
ahead. It jolted the other car and pushed it into a  
small building just as [redacted] got his pick up to  
stop. Some damage to the building. The woman  
and two young men claimed whip lash and lots  
of back pain. (possibly hoping for a big settlement  
from an insurance company??) They told the police  
officer investigating that [redacted] caused it on purpose.  
However she later came forward with the admission  
that the pick up had malfunction one time before  
when she was riding with [redacted] in his pick up.  
She didnt come forward with that information until  
she heard the verdict of the trial and realized the  
severe imprisonment that the District Attorney was  
proposing. She went to [redacted] attorney and the  
District attorney who remained determined to ask for  
the most severe sentencing.

The prison will not allow telephone calls to inmates.  
AT&T charge outrageous billing for inmates to make  
collect calls to anyone. His address is:

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Ontario, OR [redacted]

as for physical injuries, [redacted] had aches and pains

for several days but no long term injuries have become obvious. However all the mental strain, depression and ongoing sleep problems are taking an obvious toll on his health.

Also the monetary loss is sizeable. His employment was \$40,000 a year. Just before this accident he signed papers to buy the apartment building where he was living and made the largest down payment he could so that the mortgage payments would be easy.

When he was put in jail then prison, the mortgage went into default then foreclosure. While in jail his apartment was broken into and everything taken including expensive tools from his pick-up. When he is released from prison he will have nothing. The Roseburg police refused to accept a list of items stolen. They said "File a report when you are released from prison five years from now!"

I hope you can help him. His widowed mother works but has little money to spare. I'm retired on a limited income, and share my home with my daughter and son-in-law to share expenses.

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