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Attn: Quality Compliance r-207
Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
P.O. Box 2731
Torrance, CA 90509-9986

TRAFFIC SAFETY

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Re: VIN#JT3VN39W [REDACTED]
1900 4RUNNER

Dear Sir:

On this date I received a SSC 50N notice regarding certain 1990 through 1995 model year 4Runner 2WD and 4WD for a steering relay rod safety recall notice. Above you will note the VIN# for my 1990 4WD 4Runner. Unfortunately for me, this notice was received several years too late. On September 26, 2002, while driving from North Lake Tahoe to Southern California, I incurred serious injuries in a single car roll over which totally destroyed my car. This accident I now realize was most likely due to the steering relay rod problem which is mentioned in the current recall. The accident occurred on California Interstate Highway 5 near Bakersfield in the Central Valley. Thanks to a driver that witnessed my accident and called 911, I was rushed unconscious to a Bakersfield hospital where I was treated for my injuries: a fracture to the 3rd vertebrae clavicle, numerous facial bruises and cuts requiring stitches, and numerous scalp lacerations requiring staple closures. The doctor that headed the team that treated me at Kern Medical Center, Dr. Raffi Kartalian, indicated to me that he was surprised I hadn't had more life threatening injuries and felt that I was very lucky to have survived the accident. I was wearing my seatbelt, which I always do, but my '90 4Runner did not have the benefit of airbags now installed in more recent models.

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After being released from the hospital in Bakersfield, I spent ten days at my daughter's home in Southern California recuperating from the accident while wearing a neckbrace and taking prescribed pain medication. I eventually had to purchase a new vehicle in SoCal before returning home to Northern California. Although I did not wish to continue with any pain medication, I did wear a neckbrace for the next two months.

I always kept my 1990 4Runner in excellent condition with regular required check-ups. On 06/12/02 (at 166,501 miles) I had a maintenance check done which also included replacing the fuel filter. No other problems were noted. On 09/18/02, shortly before driving on that last trip, I had the regular lube, oil & filter maintenance and a tire rotation done at 169,542 miles. Now I feel that the steering relay rod problem must have been the cause of my accident on that trip, since there was no other factor involved.

I would appreciate hearing from you involving this recall as it may have contributed to my accident. I am forwarding copies of this letter to the addresses shown below.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Kings Beach, CA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

cc: Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc
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NAME/ADDRESS INFORMATION

VEHICLE
IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER

JT3VN39WKL8

BSC

Mark One:

1 ☐ Same Owner, Name and
for Address Changed
5 ☐ Exported

2 ☐ Same Owner,
Additional Driver
6 ☒ Destroyed/Stolen

3 ☐ New Owner 4 ☐ No Longer Have Vehicle—Sold to Individual Listed Below

☐ MR. ☐ MRS.
☒ MS. ☐ DR.

Effective Date of This Information

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Please note if you are the same owner
without an address change to report,
there is no need to return this card.

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