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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 15, 2007

Ford Motor Company
Regent Court Building
PO Box 6248, MD 3NE-B
Dearborn, MI 48126

Re: [REDACTED]
File No: 2007-CONSC-00182268

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Consumer Protection Division, of the Office of Attorney General received a consumer complaint involving your business. We have enclosed a copy of the complaint for your examination.

We would appreciate your review and response to the complaint, as well as any suggestions for a potential resolution. Please include copies of any substantiating documents which relate to this complaint with your response. If the matter has been resolved, we would appreciate knowing it.

Please provide a response within ten days. All communications must be in writing. Direct all correspondence to Consumer Protection Division, Office of Attorney General, 500 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62706. Refer to the above mentioned file on all correspondence.

Sincerely,

ATTORNEY GENERAL
State of Illinois

Sally Boyle

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Citizen's Advocate
Consumer Protection Division
(217)782-9243

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7/10/07
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enclosure

300 South Second Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706 • (217) 782-1090 • TTY: (217) 785-2771 • Fax: (217) 782-7046
cc: National Highway Traffic and Safety Commission
150 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601 • (312) 814-3000 • TTY: (312) 814-3374 • Fax: (312) 814-3806
1001 East Main, Carbondale, Illinois 62901 • (618) 529-6400 • TTY: (618) 529-6403 • Fax: (618) 529-6415



LISA MADIGAN

Illinois Attorney General
Consumer Fraud Bureau
500 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62706
217-782-1090

1-800-243-0618 (Toll free in IL)

TTY: 1-877-844-5461

www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov

Bond

Office Use Only

CLMS: _____

AG: _____

Name: <u>Mr.</u> Mrs., Ms. (circle one)		Name: _____	
Address: _____		Address: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ County: <u>Bond</u>		City: <u>Ford Motor</u> State: _____ Zip code: _____	
Your Telephone Number: _____ Daytime: _____ Evening: _____		Telephone () _____ Website: _____	
Your e-mail address (optional): _____		Additional seller or provider of service involved in transaction: Name: _____	
Are you a senior citizen? Yes ☐ No ☒		Address: _____	
Who referred you to this office? _____		City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____	
Has this matter been submitted to another government agency, an arbitration service, or to an attorney? Yes ☒ No ☐		Telephone () _____ Website: _____	
If yes, please give name, address, telephone number #. <u>Trucker Insurance, Greenville, IL</u>		_____	
Is court action pending? Yes ☐ No ☒		_____	
Date of Transaction: _____		Did you sign a contract? Yes ☐ No ☐ (If yes, please attach a copy)	
Was the product or service advertised? Yes ☐ No ☐ When? _____		Date contract was signed: _____	
How was the service advertised? ☐ Newspaper/magazine ☐ Radio advertisement ☐ Television advertisement ☐ Internet advertisement ☐ E-mail solicitation ☐ Direct mail solicitation ☐ Telephone solicitation ☐ Yellow pages of the telephone book ☐ Facsimile solicitation ☐ Door-to-door solicitation ☐ Display at merchant's place of business ☐ Display at a trade show/convention, etc. ☐ Other _____		Total Cost of product/service: \$ _____ Amount paid to date/down payment: \$ _____ Method of payment (circle one) (Please attach a copy) Cash ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit Card ☐ Debit Card ☐ Bank Draft ☐ Wire Transfer ☐ Automatic Debit ☐ Other ☐ _____ If you paid with a credit card, have you contacted your credit card company to register a dispute? Yes ☐ No ☐ (Under the Federal Fair Credit Billing Act, you have 60 days from the time that you receive your statement to dispute the charge.)	

Where did the transaction take place?

- ☐ At my home
☐ Over the telephone
☐ By mail
☐ Over the Internet
☐ Trade show/convention/home show
☐ At the firm's place of business
☐ By facsimile
☐ Other (please specify) _____
☐ There was no transaction

Have you complained to the company or individual?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide name and phone number of the individual(s):

Ford Motor Company
Customer Assistance Center
1-800-392-3673

FOR COMPLAINTS REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS BOX:

Make: <u>Ford</u>	Model: <u>Ranger</u>	Year: <u>1994</u>	New: Yes ☐ No ☐	As-Is: Yes ☒ No ☐
Warranty: Yes ☒ No ☐ Expiration Date: _____	Name of Extended Warranty: _____	Purchase Date: <u>2-97</u>	Current Mileage: <u>235,000</u>	Mileage at Purchase: <u>23,000</u>

Briefly describe the transaction and your complaint. You may use additional sheets if necessary. Please attach copies of all contracts, letters, receipts, cancelled checks (front and back), advertisements, or any other documents that relate to your complaint. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS.

Tried to start Ford Ranger, acted like the battery was dead. Checked connections did not work. hooked jumping cables to the battery terminals. came inside to get my girl friend to help me jump start the truck. By the time I back to the truck to jump start it, it started on its own with the Key OFF and the clutch out and in reverse. it took off in reverse went across the street. hit a fence post. Scraped a cars bumper went back across the street and struck a telephone pole.

What form of relief are you seeking? (E.g. exchange, repair, money back, product delivery, etc.)

Repair

READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING BELOW:

In filing this complaint, I understand that the Attorney General is not my private attorney, but rather enforces laws designed to protect the public from misleading or unlawful business practices. I also understand that if I have any questions concerning my legal rights or responsibilities, I should contact a private attorney. I have no objection to the contents of this complaint being forwarded to the business or the person the complaint is directed against, unless box checked below. This complaint is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

ON DIV.

Date: 4-3-07

- ☐ Check here if you only want to notify our office of your concerns and do not want a mediation process initiated.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Please return the completed form to the address at the top of this complaint form.

Incomplete forms may be returned.

Use black ink

ILLINOIS MOTORIST REPORT

Read this report to
the driver or other person
responsible for the crash.
If the driver is injured,
do not move the vehicle.

For a copy of the Police
Report, contact the
investigating agency.



INVESTIGATING AGENCY BOND COUNTY		TYPE OF REPORT ☒ ON SCENE ☐ NOT ON SCENE ☐ AMENDED		☒ No Injury / Drive Away ☐ Injury and / or Two Dead To Crash		AGENCY CRASH REPORT NO. 07 078	
ADDRESS (NO. OPTIONAL) 209		HIGHWAY or STREET NAME CHURCH ST		INTERSECTION RELATED ☐ Yes ☒ No		DATE OF CRASH 3/23/07	
CIRCLE ☒ AT INTERSECTION WITH 200 / N I N E W		NAME OF INTERSECTION OR ROAD FEATURE TOWER ST.		COUNTY BOND		TIME 11:00	
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) DRIVER LESS		DATE OF BIRTH 1/20/07		MAKE FORD		MODEL RANGER	
STREET ADDRESS		SEX M		STATE IL		YEAR 94	
CITY		STATE		ZIP		CIRCLE NUMBER(S) FOR DAMAGED AREA(S) 00 - NONE 10 - UNDER CARRIAGE 11 - TOTAL (ALL AREAS) 12 - OTHER 99 - UNKNOWN POINT OF FIRST CONTACT	
TELEPHONE		DRIVER LICENSE NO.		STATE		CLASS	
TAKEN TO		INS AGENCY		INSURANCE CO. FREE INSURANCE		PHONE	
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI) PARKER		DATE OF BIRTH 1/20/07		MAKE CHEVROLET		MODEL MONTICELLO	
STREET ADDRESS		SEX M		STATE IL		YEAR 07	
CITY		STATE		ZIP		CIRCLE NUMBER(S) FOR DAMAGED AREA(S) 00 - NONE 10 - UNDER CARRIAGE 11 - TOTAL (ALL AREAS) 12 - OTHER 99 - UNKNOWN POINT OF FIRST CONTACT	
TELEPHONE		DRIVER LICENSE NO.		STATE		CLASS	
TAKEN TO		INS AGENCY		INSURANCE CO. STATE FARM		PHONE	

Was driver (owner) of other vehicle insured? YES ☐ NO ☐ NOT KNOWN ☐
 Were you driving a vehicle owned by your employer, in the course of your employment? If yes, check square. ☐
 DID POLICE OFFICER INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT? YES ☐ NO ☐ APPROXIMATE COST TO REPAIR YOUR VEHICLE \$

NAME UNIT AGE SEX ADDRESS

DESCRIBE INJURIES

NAME ADDRESS

DESCRIBE INJURIES

NAME ADDRESS

DESCRIBE INJURIES

DESCRIBE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OTHER THAN MOTOR VEHICLES

APPROXIMATE COST TO REPAIR

PROPERTY OWNERS NAME

PROPERTY OWNERS ADDRESS

If you fail to give full information below it will be assumed that you did not have automobile liability insurance, and you may be subject to further application of the Safety Responsibility Law.

Were you covered by a liability insurance policy at the time of the crash? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Full name of your insurance company (not agency) which issued policy to cover liability for damages or injury to others.

First Insurance Exchange

100 Erie Insurance Place

Erie, PA 16530

Name and address of representative who sold policy

Therese L. Schmitt

315 W. College Ave

Greenville, IL 62246

Policy No.

Policy No.

From **12/03/06** to **12/03/07**

Name

M0198

INDICATE NORTH
BY ARROW

WHAT HAPPENED INSTRUCTIONS

1. Follow dotted lines to draw outline of roadway at place of crash.
2. Number each vehicle and show direction of travel by arrow.

3. Use solid line to show path before crash;



dotted line after crash



4. Show pedestrian by:
5. Show railroad by:
6. Show utility poles by:
7. Show motorcycle by:



PRINT OR TYPE ALL
INFORMATION
ON THIS FORM.

**YOUR REPORT IS
CONFIDENTIAL AND
CANNOT BE USED AS
EVIDENCE IN ANY
TRIAL.**

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The driver of any motor vehicle involved in a crash which results in injury, death, or damage to any one person's property in excess of \$500 must carry this report within 10 days after the crash.

If the driver is physically incapable of completing the report, the owner or another occupant of the vehicle should do so.

INSTRUCTIONS

OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES:

1. PRINT ALL NAMES AND ADDRESSES.
2. Answer all questions to the best of your knowledge. If unable to answer any questions, mark "X" for "not known."
3. The nature and extent of all damages and injuries must be clearly and completely stated. Whenever a doctor's statement of injuries or a garage estimate of the cost of repairs is immediately available, give this information; otherwise, give your own careful estimate.
4. Use a second report form or a sheet of paper the same size to report additional vehicles, injured persons, witnesses, or any other information for which there is not sufficient space.
5. SIGN THIS REPORT in the space at the bottom of the front side of this report form.

Important - This crash should also be reported to your insurance representative. Failure to report may jeopardize your automobile liability insurance.

THE PROVIDING OF FALSE INFORMATION IS A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR AND CAN RESULT IN A \$500 FINE AND A 30-DAY SENTENCE.

The Safety Responsibility Law

For general information only

(See Sections 625 ILCS 5/7-100 through 5/7-216 of the Illinois Vehicle Code for complete statute.)

In certain cases drivers and owners may be required to prove financial responsibility, usually by presenting evidence of automobile liability insurance.

When any person sustains property damage in excess of \$500 or personal injuries, the names of uninsured motorists are sent to the Secretary of State with a legal notice of possible security deposit. The notice names all potential property damage and bodily injury claimants. The evaluations are based on information shown in the reports filed by drivers or owners. It is important that reports be filed promptly and that complete and accurate descriptions of property damage and bodily injuries be shown in the spaces provided on the report form.

The accident file, which usually contains a police report and a report from each driver, will be sent to the Secretary of State. That office will review the reports to ascertain if the uninsured driver was legally at fault. If the driver was clearly not at fault, the file will be closed; otherwise a Notice of Suspension will be mailed. The notice of Suspension outlines the Methods of Compliance with the Illinois Safety Responsibility Law; it also advises the uninsured motorist of the right within 15 days of the Notice of Suspension to request a hearing. If a request for hearing is not received, the suspension becomes effective 45 days from the date of the Notice of Suspension. If a hearing is held and the Hearing Officer concludes, after considering all written and oral evidence, that there is a reasonable possibility of legal fault, the uninsured motorist has the following options: 1. Deposit security; 2. Present evidence of releases from liability (or signed agreements to pay for damages in installments) from all potential claimants named on the security deposit notice; 3. Show evidence of a final adjudication of nonliability. If above options, neither drivers license (if driver) and suspended. (None of the above affects any person's right to sue to recover damages.) (Security deposits, releases, or installment agreements are to be submitted to the Secretary of State.)

THIS SPACE FOR FLEET OPERATORS ONLY

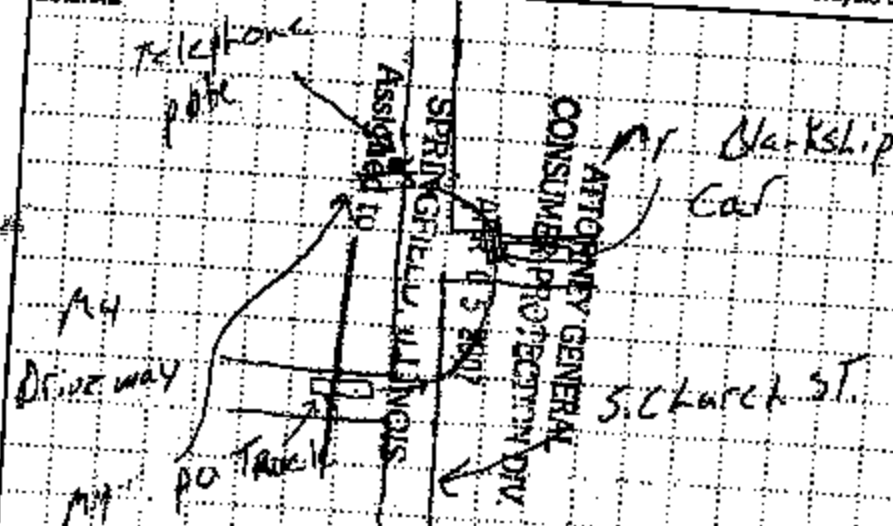
If your vehicle operated in compliance with the Federal "Motor Carrier's Act," show the Interstate Commerce Commission docket number.

Has the Department of Insurance issued a certificate of self-insurance covering your vehicle?

☐ YES

☐ NO

DIAGRAM



NARRATIVE (Refer to vehicle by Unit No.)

Unit 1 would not start; with auto off a in gear, he began to change battery with jumper cables. Unit 1 started on its own, struck neighbor's vehicle, then struck telephone pole.