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Subject: FW: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368
Date: Monday, January 03, 2011 9:30:08 AM

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From: Yon, Scott (NHTSA)
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 1:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: 'Leidecker, Henning W. (GSFC-5600)'
Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

Hi [REDACTED]

I wanted to update you regarding the pedal you provided. You may have heard in the news that NHTSA asked NASA (yes, the space agency) to assist in the investigation of possible electronic causes of unwanted acceleration in Toyota products. Last week I took your pedal to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, Maryland. GSFC will be conducting some testing on it in the coming days and one of the scientists working on the project, Dr. Henning Leidecker, whom I've copied on the is email, wanted to express his gratitude for providing the pedal, and also for allowing us to inspect it. I will keep you posted as we move forward.

Drive safely,
Scott

From: [REDACTED] [1](#)
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 10:41 AM
To: Yon, Scott (NHTSA)
Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

Good Morning,

You have my permission to do whatever you wish with the part. I have absolutely no use for it other than taking up space in my garage. Thank you. [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368
Date: Tue, 16 Nov 2010 13:55:13 -0500
From: Scott.Yon@dot.gov
To: [REDACTED]

Hi Again [REDACTED]. Today we did a visual inspection of your pedal assembly and did not see a concern however when we tested it for electrical function we determined that there is a problem internal to the position sensor. Unfortunately to have any hope of understanding what failed we will need to conduct destructive testing, i.e., cut the sensor open to look inside.

I know we've discussed already but just to be sure I wanted to get your permission (again) before we proceed – is it OK for NHTSA to destroy the part you provided us?

Drive safely,
Scott

From: Yon, Scott (NHTSA)
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 3:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

H [REDACTED] just to let you know that I did receive your shipment today, everything was just fine, thank you. I'll keep you posted as we move forward.

Scott

From: Yon, Scott (NHTSA)
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 4:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

Thanks [REDACTED], I will keep you posted on our findings.

Drive safely,
Scott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2010 4:13 PM
To: Yon, Scott (NHTSA)
Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

Hi,

Today I sent the part by FedEx and you should receive it in two days. The tracking number is: 874152783764. It will be interesting to know what you find out. My vehicle operates just fine. Thanks

for your interest.

Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368
Date: Sun, 7 Nov 2010 08:14:11 -0500
From: Scott.Yon@dot.gov
To: [REDACTED]

Congratulations to your granddaughter, very impressive result, you must be very proud of her. I hope she enjoyed her visit to DC.

Thank you for agreeing to provide your failed part, I appreciate your cooperation. Please let me know when it has been shipped; if you can provide the tracking number I will follow-up on it. Regarding reimbursement in the event Toyota conducts a safety recall, if you have the receipt for the repair that should be sufficient, you won't need the failed part. I will keep you advised regarding the testing we are conducting regardless.

Is your vehicle still operating correctly?

Drive safely,
Scott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 06, 2010 11:12 AM
To: Yon, Scott (NHTSA)
Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

Hi,

I will be happy to ship the part to you next week. The part is of no use to me, so if you need to disassemble it, go right ahead. If there were ever a recall or some reimbursement and some type of proof were required, I could always refer to you or my mechanic.

[REDACTED]

p.s. [REDACTED] came in second in the Ambassador's Cup, the big class of the show. Her opponent was a 50-year old, very experienced rider and they were the last two eligible for the jump-off at the end. The lady's timing was slightly better than [REDACTED] so she came in first and [REDACTED] second. Isn't that great?

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368
Date: Fri, 5 Nov 2010 13:32:46 -0400
From: Scott.Yon@dot.gov
To: [REDACTED]

Hi again [REDACTED]

After some further discussion I've determined that NHTSA would like to inspect the failed component that was removed from your vehicle. At this point the inspection is expected to be non-destructive, which means we don't intend to harm or damage the part, so we would return it to you afterwards in the same condition. If something changes in that regard, and we do need to disassemble the part, I would contact you before doing so.

If you are willing and able to assist us, and I will fully understand if you are not, you would need to go to a local FedEx shipping location and use the account information below for the shipping changes. I've included the address to send it to also. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Drive safely,
Scott

PS – how did your granddaughter do in the equestrian event?

FedEx account info:

DOT/NHTSA Fed Ex account number is 3351-9502-7

Ship to:

US DOT, NHTSA

1200 New Jersey Ave SE

Washington, DC 20590

Attn: Scott Yon

Rm. W48-314

202-366-0139

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 12:08 PM

To: Yon, Scott (NHTSA)

Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

p.s. My granddaughter will be showing at the equestrian event this weekend at the Verizon Center in Washington. Her name is [REDACTED] if you happen to go.

Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

Date: Tue, 26 Oct 2010 17:00:50 -0400

From: Scott.Yon@dot.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED] I wanted to let you know that I received the letter you sent me regarding the repair to your vehicle, thank you very much. I will be in touch regarding the failed part and whether or not we want to look at it.

Scott

From: Yon, Scott (NHTSA)
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 5:02 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

Thank you again for speaking with me today [REDACTED] I enjoyed our conversation. You mentioned you had a repair order that you could fax or mail to me, my contact details are below. Also you mentioned that you still had the failed accelerator pedal that was removed from your vehicle last year. The agency might be interested in looking at the failed part, and you indicated you would consider letting us do that - I will let you know if we would like to pursue this.

Drive safely,
Scott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 3:47 PM
To: Yon, Scott (NHTSA)
Subject: RE: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368

Yes and number is [REDACTED] This afternoon is good or try Tuesday morning, th 19th.

Subject: Ref. your report to NHTSA, ODI 10304368
Date: Mon, 18 Oct 2010 14:52:00 -0400
From: Scott.Yon@dot.gov
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Would you be available to speak with me regarding the report you filed with our agency in February of this year? If so, please let me know the best time and number to contact you on. It will probably take 15 minutes or so.

Drive safely,
Scott

D. Scott Yon

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