

 DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire To Report Vehicle Safety Defects 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236) INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline				FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148			
U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration				Date Received 28-MAY-2015 JUL 10 2015		Repository ☐ Reference No. 10721855	
				Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]		E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)				Evening Telephone Number [REDACTED]			
Name [REDACTED]		Address [REDACTED]		City CORNELL		State MI	
Zip Code [REDACTED]		The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).					
VEHICLE INFORMATION							
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 1FAHP2EW7BG [REDACTED]				Make FORD		Model TAURUS	
Date Purchased [REDACTED]		Dealer's Name and Telephone Number [REDACTED]				Engine: No: Cylinders	
Original Owner ☐		Dealer's City [REDACTED]		State [REDACTED]		Zip Code [REDACTED]	
Transmission Type AUTO		☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control		Powertrain [REDACTED]		Multiple Failure: [REDACTED]	
						Incident Date(s) 08-MAY-2015	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION							
Vehicle Component Code: 180000 VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL						Failure Mileage 46000	
Failure Speed [REDACTED]							
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE							
Tire Make [REDACTED]		Tire Model (Name or Number) [REDACTED]			Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) [REDACTED]		
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) [REDACTED]		☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair		Failure Location: [REDACTED]			
Tire Component Code [REDACTED]					Tire Failure Type: [REDACTED]		
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE							
Make: [REDACTED]		Date Manufactured: [REDACTED]			Model No./Name: [REDACTED]		
Seat Type: [REDACTED]		Installation System: [REDACTED]					
Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED]		Failed Part: [REDACTED]					
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION (Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)							
Crash ☒ Yes ☐ No		Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No		Number of Persons Injured 0		Number of Deaths 0	
				Reported to Police Y			
Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).							
TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2011 FORD TAURUS. WHILE IDLING, THE VEHICLE ACCELERATED INDEPENDENTLY. THE CONTACT FRANTICALLY ATTEMPTED TO DEPRESS THE BRAKE PEDAL; HOWEVER, THE VEHICLE WOULD NOT STOP AND CRASHED INTO A PARKED VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE CONTINUED TO ACCELERATE DOWN THE ROAD UNTIL THE FRONT WHEELS LOCKED AND THE KEYS WERE REMOVED FROM THE IGNITION SWITCH. THE DEALER AND MANUFACTURER WERE MADE AWARE OF THE FAILURE. A POLICE REPORT WAS FILED. THE CONTACT HAD NOT SUSTAINED INJURIES. THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE HAD YET TO BE DETERMINED. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 46,000.							
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.							
The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.							

On May 8th my wife drove our 2011 Ford Taurus down to Escanaba (about 15 miles) Made several stop & go at stop lights and stopped at several stores in Escanaba before driving to Wal-Mart

She parked the car in the Wal-Mart parking lot in a lane 6 angle slot and went into the store, (about 11 am), returned to the Taurus shortly after 1 pm. She entered the Taurus And was going to pick up a prescription at Wall Greens that would not be ready until after 1:30pm. she was not in a hurry, so she called her sister on the phone, she ended the call about 1:30, put the phone in her purse, put her seat belt on and started the Taurus, which was in park, placed her left foot on the brake and shifted the car into drive. The car suddenly accelerated at a high rate of speed out of control. She had not placed her foot on the accelerator. The Taurus traveled about 50 ft out of control, my wife tried to turn the steering wheel to the left in an attempt to avoid a car that was parked across the lane next to a cart corral and 2 people that were standing to the left of the parked vehicle. The Taurus right front struck the vehicle parked next to the cart corral and bounced to the left of the lane towards the cars parked in lane 6. My wife managed to turn the Taurus to the right while applying the brake as hard as she could. The Taurus continued to accelerate as the front tires skidded, final stopping some 100 ft or more down the lane. My wife then shifted into park

Escanaba City Police Officer Melette was the first Officer to arrive at the scene checked the vehicle and driver that the Taurus had hit and called the Para-Medics and an ambulance. A second Police Officer Van Drese arrived and after checking with the first Officer checked on my wife. My wife told the Officer that she was not hurt and asked him to call her son [REDACTED] did not answer so my wife asked him to call her son [REDACTED] who answered and came to the accident scene in about 10 min. My wife asked the Officer if she had hit anybody, referring to the people she had seen standing near the vehicle she had hit. The Officer told her she had hit a car and the man in the car was hurt and was going to the hospital in the ambulance. The Para-Medics interviewed my wife and found she was not hurt but was alert and knew she had hit a vehicle

No tickets were issued at the scene of the accident. The first Officer did not interview my wife at the scene. My son [REDACTED] left the scene of the accident with his mother to take her home however on the way home my wife received a call to return to the Police station. Officer Melette advised my wife that because there was a PI involved he was issuing her a citation for careless driving.

I interviewed Officer Melette the next day and he advised he had viewed the Wal-Mart security video of the accident and said the it showed that my wife was responsible for the sudden acceleration. He said I could contest the citation.

I did contest the citation after learning that the Ford Taurus had several sudden accelerations incidents. And after reviewed the security video I found that the Officers Report of the video was inaccurate.

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A Hearing was held on June 18 2015 before the District Court Magistrate. The District Court Magistrate after interviewing Police Officer Melette and The driver [REDACTED] and the Security Video, ruled that the Taurus was speeding out of control and the driver was not responsible. Case Dismissed.

