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All Action Details for Issue

Print

Caust: 302990125

VIN: 5LMFU28A6

Maine:

Symptom Deec: FIRE/SMCKE VISIBLE FLAME Reason Desc: LEGAL - FIFE CLAIM

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

Year: 2001

Owner Status: Original

Model: NAVIGATOR

W80: 2000-09-28

Primary Phonel

Secondary Pbd

Issue Status: CLOSED

Action: OPEN LEGAL CONTACT - PRODUCT LIABILITY - FIRE

Dealer: 06939 DAVID FORDLINCOUN MERCURY

Origin Deac; CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION PREVENTION-FD

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION PREVENTION

Odometer: 26000 Mil

Comm Type: PHONE Analyst Name: LEICH, CHERIE Analyst: CLEICH

Action Date: 01/20/2005

Action Time: 11.14.34.455 Action Data: No

CUSTOMER ALLEGES VEHICLE CAUGHT FIRE WHILE PARKED IN A GARAGE.

Action: MAKE OUTBOUND CALL TO CUSTOMER

Dealer: 08939 DAVID FORDLINGOUN MERCURY

Comm Type: PHONE

Odometer: 26000 Mi

Analyst Name: 8MTH,ERIKA (E.L.) Analyst: ESMTH68

Action Date: 01/20/2005

Action Time: 15.31.53.322 Action Date: Yes

Comments CONTACTED CUST

Deta Etement Name

Date Value

CONTACT PERSON

CUST

Addison FIETER TO INSURANCE CARRIER - INSURANCE COMPANY ALFIEADY INVOLVED

Design: 08939 DAVID FORDLINGOLN MERCURY

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION PREVENTION

Odometer: 28000 Mil

Comm Type: OTHER Analyst Name: SMTH, ERIKA (E.L.) Analyst: ESMTH88

Action Date: 01/20/2005

Action Time: 15.33.05.154 Action Date: No

Comments PER CUST COMMENTS, INSICO INVOLVED, LPA SENT REBPONSE.

All Action Details for leave

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VIN: GLMFU28A81

Year: 2001

Model: NAVIGATOR

Case: 302980125

Names Symptom Deec: FIRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD

Owner Status: Original

W5D: 2000-09-29 Primary Phones

Reason Desc: LEGAL - ACCIDENT / FIRE

Issue Type: 90 OGC

Issue States: CLOSED

Secondary Pho

Action: CONTACT ADVANCED TO OGC

Dealer: 08839 DAVID FORDLINCOLN-MERCURY

Origin Deac: US CONCERN CASE BASE

Odometer: 26000 MI Analyst Name: YVONNE BOGLE Comm Type: PHONE Analyst: YBOGLE

Action Date: 01/12/2005

Action Time: 08.24.57.681

Action Date: No

Comparts CUSTOMER SAID: -WHILE VEH WAS PARKED IN GARAGE- AND TURNED OFF THERE WAS VISIBLE FLANES. COMING FROM UNDER HOOD -ALSO THERE WERE FLAMES AT VEHS PASSENGER SIDE UNDER BUNDER - FIRE OCCURED ON TUES JAN 64 65 -AT 1930 PM WHILE CUST WAS GETTING READY FOR BED-STATES SHE HAPPENED TO LOOK THROUGH HER WINDOW -THERE SHE SAW FLAMES - HER GARAGE WAS DAMAGED AS A RESULT - WITH SMOKE ETC -FIRE INVESTIGATOR IS DAVID ELIASSEN PHONE NUMBER IS 8003473898 INSURANCE WAS CALLED -VEHICLE WAS TOTALED -NEEDS TO KNOW NEXT STEPDEALER SAID: -NONE -DAVID FORD LINCOLN MERCURY250 MARLBORD STUCEENE, NH 03431 TEL: (803) 352-4330FAX: (803) 357-7689CRC ADVISED: (WILL FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THE FORD OGC DEPARTMENT, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WITHIN 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS, GSR ADVISED CUST OF ABOVE INFORMATION



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CONSUMER AFFAIRS SECTION

P.O. Hox 33040 Lakeland, FJ 33807-3040

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02/18/2005

Ford Motor Corporation Consumers Affair DEpt P.O. Box 6248 MD 3 NE B Deerborne, MI 48126 TAR D S MIS

MAR 0.2 1885

Re: Claim No:

Insured:

Vehicle:

2001 FORD F-150 Super Crew

VIN:

IFTRW08L81

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that our policyholder listed above has filed a claim for the listed vehicle due to a fire loss on this date.

The vehicle appears to be a total loss due to this fire.

The vehicle has been removed from the loss location and is currently being preserved for 30 days to give an opportunity for your corporation to inspect and analyze the possible cause and origin of this fire loss.

The location of the vehicle is Insurance Auto Auction Market Market Market Placksonville, FL Market Phone number is 1273893.

Upon completion of the settlement of this claim, we will be forwarding the paperwork necessary for subrogation to you for the damages sustained in this loss.

If you wish to discuss this claim with me, please call me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Randy Gillett - D013 Claims Theft Examiner 1-800-648-2493, ext. 4367

CC: CLARENCE E WESTER

All Action Details for Issue

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VIN: 1FTFW08L81) Name: Year: 2001 Owner Status: Subsequent Model: F-SERIES WSD: 2001-04-23 Case: 1362330435

Symptom Deec:

Ayripidati Desc: Pleason Desc: CORRESPONDENCE - CORRESPONDENCE Primary Phone:

Issue Type: 02 INFORMATION

lesue Status: CLOSED

Secondary Phone

Action: SMAIL - NO CONTACT REQUIRED/DECISION ALREADY RENDERED

Dealer: 04863 DUVAL FORD

Odometer: Analyst Name: JACCIJELINE KELLY Comm Type: EMAR.

Analysi: JKH1.128 Action Time: 13.34.48.892

Action Data: No

Grigin Desc: MANUAL - EMAIL

Action Date: 02/22/2005

Comments Customer Says: Email, Case # 1352288 Email, Date 2/14/2005 7:08:41 PM Email, Address FORDHEADSDOWN & ADUCOMINY NEIGHBORUCLARENCE WESTER OWNS A 2001 F150 WHICH CAUGHT ON FIRE FRIDAY NIGHT. HE CALLED YOUR CALL CENTER AND EVEN THOUGH YOUR RECALL ON THE CRUISE/SPEED SWITCH STATES 2000 AND EARLY PRODUCTION 2011 MODELS, (HIS PRODUCTION DATE? 02/01) AFTER INSPECTING HIS VEHICLE IN DAYLIGHT, WHICH IS PART OF MY JOB WITH THE AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURER I CURRENTLY WORK FOR, I CAN "ASSURE" YOU THAT THE ORIGIN OF THIS FIRE ID AT THE MAIN FUSE BOXMASTER CYLINDER AREA, "EXACTLY THE SAME AREA AS YOUR FIRE HAZARD." I SPOKE TO 2 SERVICE MANAGERS AT 2 LOCAL FORD DEALERS TODAY WHO BOTH GAVE THE SAME ANSWER, "IF IT'S NOT ON THE RECALL LIST, WE ARE NOT INTERESTED." THE POINT TO THIS? ENTER THE FOREIGN AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURERS AND THE FOCUS THEY RAISED ON CSP WHAT APPALLS ME? THE FACT THAT WE "BOTH KNOW" THAT VIN LISTS AT BEST ARE A GUESS OF NUMBERS. IF I HAD A CONSUMER WHO CALLED TO REPORT A FIRE AND STATED THAT AN EXPERT LOCKED AT IT AND STATED THAT THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE WAS EXACTLY WHERE THE RECALLED SWITCH IS LOCATED, "I WOULD BE MORE CONCERNED THAN IF THIS VEHICLE WAS ON THE RECALL VIN LIST." APPARENTLY, THIS PROBLEM IS ON A LARGER SCALE THEN YOU KNOW OR ARE ALLOWING THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO KNOW. THIS LONG TIME FOAD CUSTOMER AND 5 OF HIS LONG TIME FORD CUSTOMER: NEIGHBORS ARE ABOUT TO HEAD TO ANOTHER BRAND, "IN CLOSING, I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LACK OF CUSTOMER SERVICE, WE LOVE GETTING BUSINESS FROM THE COMPETITION," MAYBE THE american automobile manufacturiers shokld stop throwing blame at the foreign manufacturiers and BUY BIGGER MARROTTS TO LOOK INTO, "MO, NOT FOR COSMETIC PURPOSES, FOR PURPOSES OF FINDING THE ROOT OF DECLINING AMERICAN AUTOMOTIVE SALES PER CUSTOMER, DEALER SAYS: NONE CAC ADVISED: MATTER HAS ALREADY BEEN DEALT WITH AT LEGAL CUST CALLED IN PRIOR TO SENDING E,MAIL

All Action Details for issue

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VIN: 1ETBW09L81

Year: 2001

Model: F-SERIES

WSD: 2001-04-23

Cess: 1362330435

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Owner Statue: Subsequent Symptom Dise: FRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD

Primary Phone

Reason Desc: LEGAL - ACCIDENT / FIRE

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

Issue Status: CLOSED

Secondary Plum

Action: ADVISE CUST INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS - FIRE

Decler: 04883 OUVAL FORD

Origin Deec: US CONCERN CASE BASE

Odometer: 80000 Mil Analyst Name: ECHEVERRIA ROSA COMM Type: PHONE Analyst: RECHEVE3

Action Date: 02/12/2005

Action Time: 10.03.52.423

Action Oats: No

Comments CLISTOMER SAID: - THE CUST STATES THAT THE VEH CAUGHT FIRE 02/11/2005 - APPROXIMATELY 9:30 PM - W DUVAL COUNTY - THERE WAS A FIRE REPORT FILED - DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE FINDINGS ARE - WAS ADVISED BY THE FIRE DEPT THAT THE FIRE REPORT WOULD BE FILED WITH THE FIRE DISTRICT - THERE WHERE NO INJURIES INCURRED-THERE WAS NO PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGED - THE VEH IS CURRENTLY AT THE CUST HOME - HAS CONTACTED THE INSURANCE COMPANY- WILL BE CONTACTED BY A REP FROM INSUARNOE ON MONDAY IS ALLEGING THAT THE FIRE IS RELATED TO THE RECALL FOR THE SPEED CONTROL \Rightarrow The FIRE WAS UNDER HOODDEALER SAID: DUVAL FORD 1616 CASSAT AVEJACKSONVILLE, FL 32216DISTANCE: MILES TEL: (904) 381-6599FAX: (904) 381-6544CRC ADVISED: - (WILL FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO OUR CONSUMER AFFAIRS GROUP, SOMEBODY FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS WILL CONTACT YOU IN 2 BUSINESS DAYS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER AND REPORT THIS incident.

Action: SEND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER TO CUSTOMER

Dealer: 04863 DUVAL FORD

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION PREVENTION

Odometer: 80000 MI

Comm Type: OTHER

Analyst Name: CASSANORA JONES Analyst: CJONES Action Date: 02/15/2005

Action Time: 18.42.59.376Action Date: No

COMMUNICATION THERE ARE NO RECALLS OPEN THAT ARE RELATED TO CUSTOMER CONCERNS, LETTER SENT STATING THE SAME.

Action: CLOSING COMMENTS - DENIAL - BASED ON LITIGATION PREVENTION REVIEW

Dealer: 04863 DUVAL FORD

Origin Dent: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION PREVENTION

Odometer: 80000 Mil Comm Type: OTHER Analysi Name: CASSANDRA JONES Analysi: CJONES

Action Date: 02/15/2005

Action Time: 18.43.30.513 Action Data: No

Comments (FITER SENT TO CUST

All Action Catalia for Issue

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VIN: 1ETAW88LB1

Year: 2001

Model: F-SERIES

Case: 1362330435

Symptom Desc: FFRESMOKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD

Owner Stature: Subsequent

WSD: 2001-04-23

Region Desc: CAC RELATED - F/M CSR FOLLOWING CONTACT

Primary Phone: Secondary Pho

leaus Type: 02 INFORMATION

Iceue Status: CLOSED

Action: CALLBACK ADD ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Dealer: 04863 DUVAL FORD

Origin Deset US CONCERN CASE BASE

Odometer: 1 Mil

Analysi Name: KRISTA DOCTROVE

Comm Type: PHONE Analyst: KDOCTROV

Action Date: 02/15/2005

Action Time: 11,48,10,656

Action Data: No

Comments CUSTOMER SAID: - 2001 SUPERCREW- THE VEH BURNT IN HIS DRIVE ON PRIDAY FEB 11- HAS ALREADY CALLED TO REPORT THIS ACCIDENT- CALLED THE LOCAL DLFI AND THEY INDICATED THE VEH ISN'T ON THE RECALL LIST AND THEY DON'T CARE. HE HAS TO CONTACT HIS INSURANCE COMPANY- WANTS TO KNOW IF THAT IS FORD STAND ON THISDEALER SAID: - NO RECALL) CALL INSURANCE COMPANYORC ADVISED: - PLEASE ALLOW THE REQUESTED TIME FOR THE FOLLOW UP TO OCCUR SO THAT YOUR ISSUE MAY BE PROPERLY ADDRESSED. - ADVISED THAT HIS CONCERN WAS ESCALATED TO THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT...PLEASE ALLOW 2 BUSINESS DAY FOR

RESOLUTION/CONTACT

All Action Datalla for leave

Print

VIN: 1FTFW08L81K

Year: 2001

Owner Status: Subsequent

WSO: 2001-04-23

Action Date: No

Model: F-SERIES

Case: 1362330435

Symptom Deet: FIRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD Pleason Desc: PECALL/ONP - VEHICLE INVOLVEMENT

leave Type: 02 INFORMATION

lesse Status: CLOSED

Primary Phone: Secondary Pho

Action: ADVISE CLIST NO FSA'S AT THIS TIME

Degler: 04803 DUVAL FORD

Action Date: 02/12/2005

Odometer: 80000 Mi Analysi Name: ECHEVERRIA ROSA Comm Type: PHONE

Analysis RECHEVES Action Time: 10.06.02.063

Origin Desc: US INQUIRY CASE BASE

Comments Customer Said: - The Cust States that the Veh Causht fire 02/11/2005 - APPROXIMATELY 9:30 PM -(in Dawal County - There was a fire report filed - does not know what the findings are - was advised by THE FIRE DEPT THAT THE FIRE REPORT WOULD BE FILED WITH THE FIRE DISTRICT - THERE WHERE NO INJURIES INCURRED-THERE WAS NO PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGED - THE VEH IS CURRENTLY AT THE CUST HOME - HAS CONTACTED THE INSURANCE COMPANY-WILL BE CONTACTED BY A REP FROM INSUARNCE ON MONDAY IS ALLEGING THAT THE FIRE IS RELATED TO THE RECALL FOR THE SPEED CONTROL - THE FIRE WAS UNDER HOODDEALER SAID: DUVAL FORD 1818 CASSAT AVEJACKSONVILLE, FL 322100 ISTANCE: MILES TEL: (904) 381-8596 FAX: (904) 381-6544 CRC

ADVISED: VEHICLE IS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY RECALL/CSP AT THIS TIME.



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RECEIVED FEB 1 4 2005

Ms. Lady Cabrera-Villegas Mr. Michael Cagley 3418 W Maldonado Rd Phoenix AZ 85041

February 11, 2005

Rc:

DOL: February 3, 2005

Vehicle: 2001 Expedition

Dear Ford Motor Company,

The reason for this letter is to pursue a claim for not only financial loss but for emotional distress from the above incident. On February 3, 2005 approximately 8:05 am was returning from her daily routine of taking her step-son to school. And she parked the vehicle in front of the garage door on the property located at Phoenix AZ, which is owned by entered the bouse with stomach cramps because she was at that time 5 weeks pregnant and headed towards the bathroom. was getting dressed for work while was in the bathroom also getting ready for work. This is our routine overy day, along with dropping off our 1 % year old daughter at the babysitter. At approximately 8:10am to 8:15am there was a loud explosion, and sizzling sound coming from the front of the house, the dogs were barking and immediately ran to the front window. looked out the window and saw white smake coming from the rear side of the vehicle; he heard neighbors screening and ran outside. At that time, about 8:12am, the car hood was completely engulfed in flames. The bouse then run inside to get his family out of the house. He and other prighbors immediately called the fire department, but the flames were so high, that it started burning the garage. By the time the fire department got there all the personal belongings in vehicle had been destroyed along with the vehicle at a complete loss and about \$10,000 in property damage.

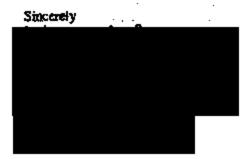
Had we been Smirntes earlier in the vehicle we could've lost our lives. We had put \$3,000 down on this vehicle, one year ago, along with \$7,885 in payments, this vehicle was owned and not leased, this situation has not only caused us to lose \$10,885, but it has also cost us personal loss in vehicle of approximately \$3,000. We were also forced to go out and purchase a new vehicle because of our current employment situation (we could not afford to lose our jobs!!) Forcing us to take \$6,000 from our life savings to purchase another vehicle. Now after our insurance company pays off the book value of the vehicle and after our gap insurance coverage covers the difference we are at a complete loss. Please help us with this situation. Our total loss is approximately \$30,000 & this is not consiting our insurance claim. Please accept this letter as a claim to Ford Motor Company, and we are asking for your help to resolve this matter, because we have not only experienced a loss financially but also emotionally, just as an FYI our

ER65-005-LC1-1376

12 year old son along with both of us are experiencing paramola worries constantly, we are checking the garage through the night every night since the incident, making sure our new vehicle doesn't take our lives or our home. We believe that the Cruise Control fault has caused our loss. Cars aren't supposed to just turn into flames especially after just sitting still (parked).

We have sought legal counsel and legal advice and many lawyers are still trying to contact us regarding this matter.

We choose to resolve it directly with Ford Motor Company. We are asking "how can you help us".



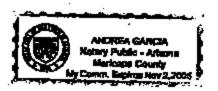
Please Contact ASAP at the following #'s:

Home: Work: Cell: Best #

Best # to reach us at

All information including Pictures and Receipts on our loss is enclosed, please review and contact us. All final findings will be sent to Ford Motor Company as well as any other necessary findings that you wish for us to provide.

Signed and Swam to me on February 11,2005



Moder Carry State of Arizona Cany of Maricopa RECEIVED FEB - 7 2004

BEGINNING OF CONTACT

02/05/2005

VOICE OF THE CUSTOMER TRACKING SYSTEM

08.50.07

71 LOS ANGELES REGION: 1FMPU18L31L VIN:

OGCISSUE ZONE: G1 ENGINE:

VEH TYPE: Ŧ CASE NBR: OPENED: CLOSED:

STATUS:

MI:

1704470355 02/04/2005 02/04/2005

CLOSED

LAST NAME: TITLE:

ADDRESS: CITY:

HOME PHONE: MODEL YEAR: MILEAGE:

2001 70000 DEALER NAME:

PHQENIX

PIONEER FORD SALES

SALES CODE:

FIRST NAME:

STATE:

MODEL:

EXPEDITION EDDIE BAUER 4X4 4DR F71172

ΑZ

P&A:

20400

REASON CODE: SYMPTOMS:

0792 LEGAL - ACCIDENT / FIRE 704145 FIRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD

ORIGIN: ACTION: DOCUMENT: CACI38 705

US CONCERN CASE BASE COMMUNICATION: PHONE CONTACT ADVANCED TO OGC ANALYST: PERAVEB1 BRAVEBOY PITTLIN

DATE: 02/04/2005 TIME: 19:34:08:

ACTION DATA/COMMENTS:

CUSTOMER SAID: -CUST SAYS THAT THE HIS VEH BURNT UP YESTERDA
Y, IT BURNT THE FRONT OF HIS HOUSE, DRIVEWAY AND GARAGE-CUST
SAYS THAT THIS WAS AN UNDERHOOD FIRE AND IT WAS MORE TO THE
LEFT SIDE OF THE CAR WHICH CAUSED THE LEFT RIM TO MELT-CUST
SAYS THAT THE VEH IS TOTALLED-CUST HAS REPORTED THE INCIDEN
T WITH HIS INSURANCE-CUST IS HAVING THE ISSUE INVESTIGATED B
Y FORENSICS-CUST SAYS HE USED HIS SPEED CONTROL 3 DAYS AGO-C
UST SAYS THAT NO ONE WAS PHYSICALLY HURT-CUST WENT ON LINE A
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ND INSERTED HIS VIN AND WAS TOLD THAT THERE ARE NO RECALLS O
N HIS VEH-CUST SAYS THAT THEY ARE WITHOUT A CAR-NO OTHER CON
CERNSDEALER SAID: PIONEER FORD A UNITEDAUTO DEALERSHIP 7501
W. MCDOWELL ROADPHOENIX, AZ 86035DISTANCE: 8.96 MILES TEL:
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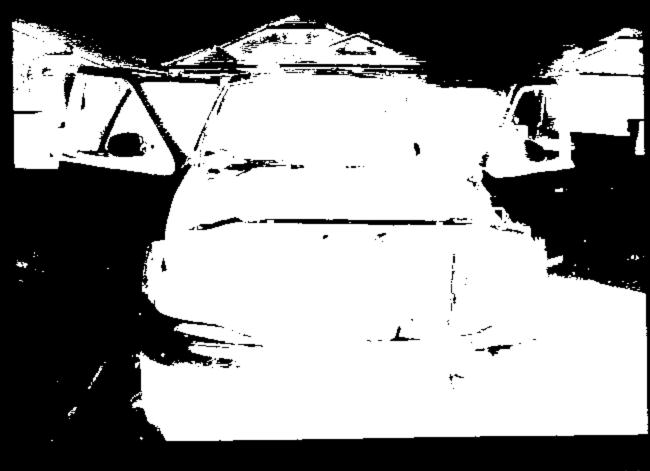
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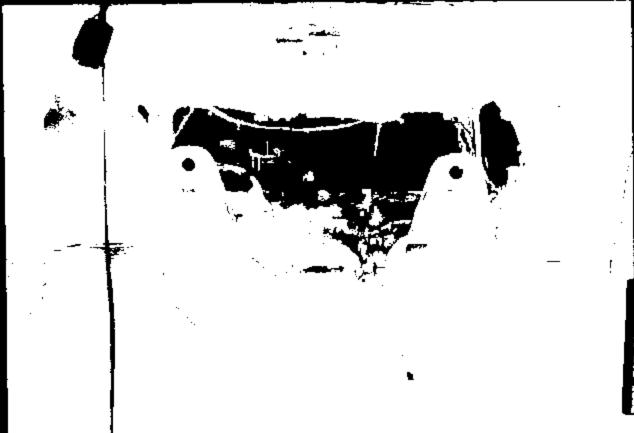
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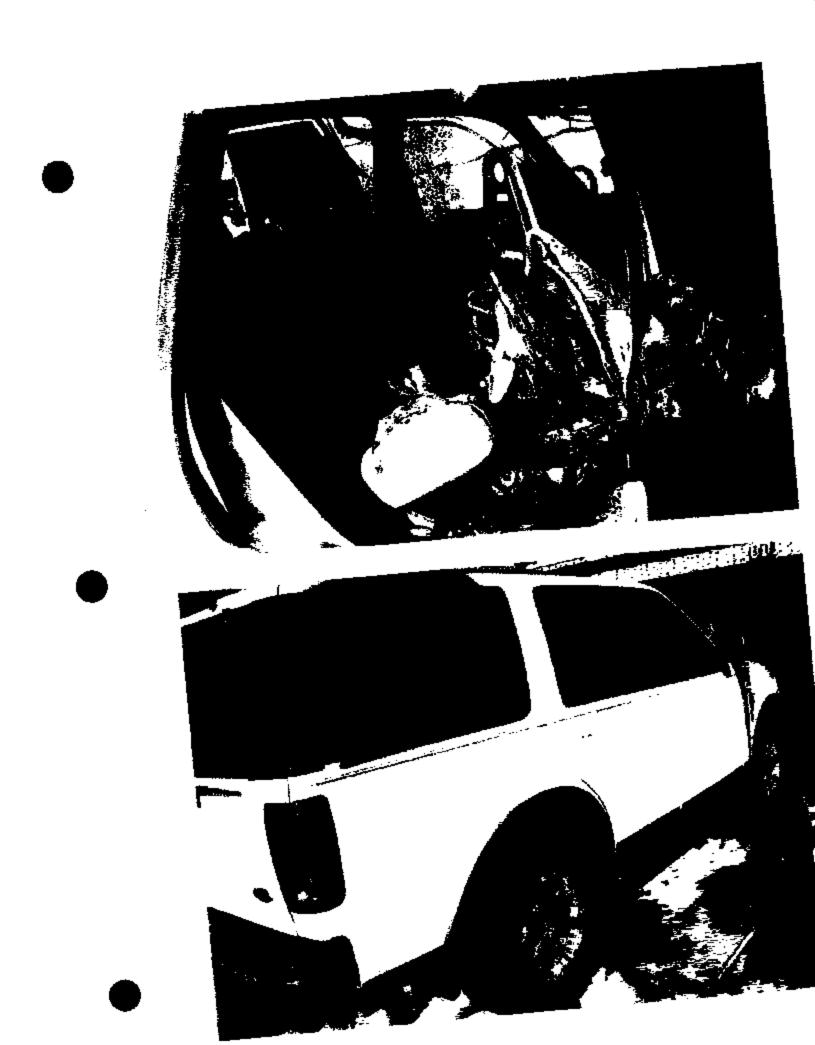




























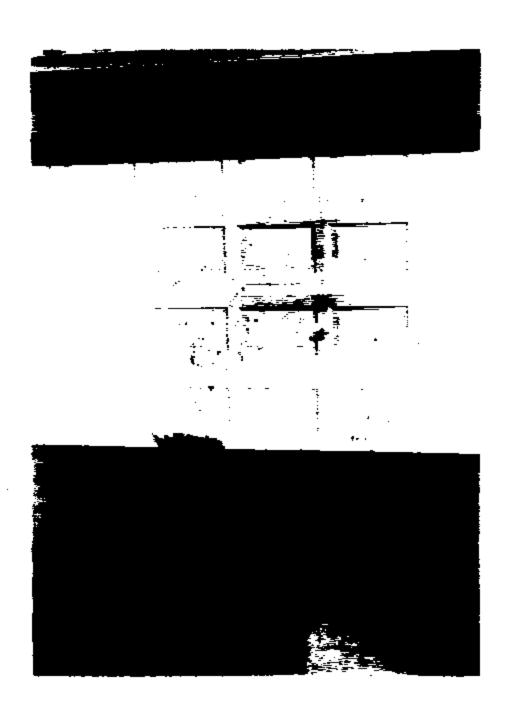




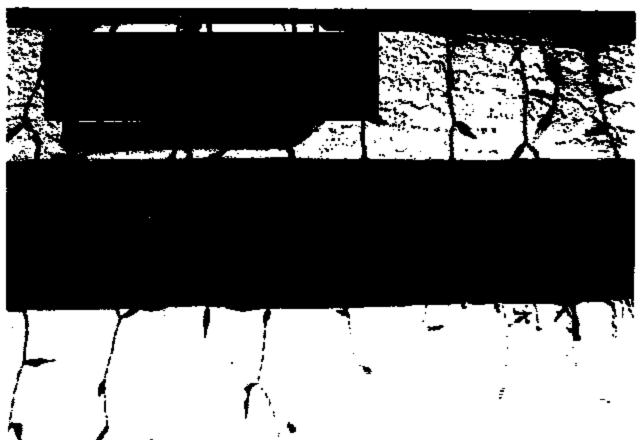






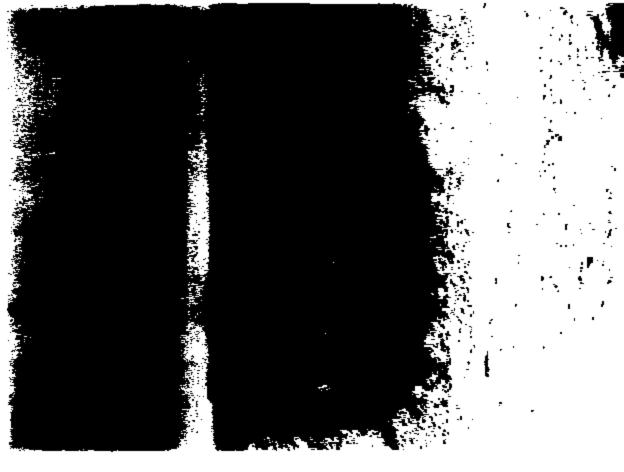
















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Coverage BLDG

Our File# Policy# Ins Claim# PCS-2002-04

Phote -1

View of the risk located at

Texas

As you can see the F-150 truck caught on fire and burned on the driveway.





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Close up. of damage.

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Coverage BLDG

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Front view.



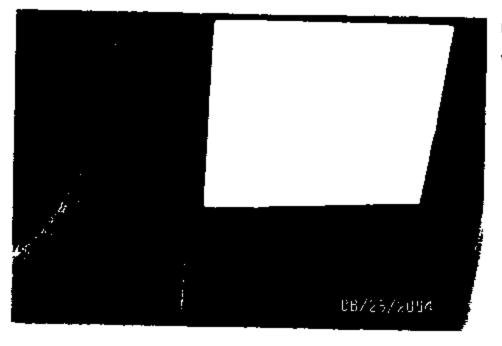


Photo -5
Vehicle VIN and nonenclature.

Coverage BLDG

Our File # Policy # Ins Claim # PCS-2002-04

Photo -6

Texas license plate number.

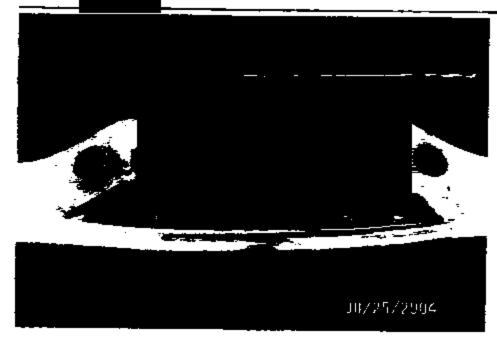


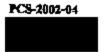


Photo -9

Soot and smoke damage to the gutter, facia and down spout.

Coverage BLDG

Our File # Policy # Ins Chins #



Phote -16

Item of personal property damaged from heat and fine while stored in the vehicle when it caught on fire.



Farm 074 (10/02)

HARRIS COUNTY FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

	REQU		DENT INFORMA	TION	
TODAYS DATE:	9.9.04	PaX: 281 -	-531-5874		
	B INFORMATION				
DATE OF INCIDE	nt: <u>6·20·<i>0</i></u>	CASE NO:	HFD-04-08	3-22-522	2 BOH
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FESD SIGNATURE RELEASING INFORMATION ABOVE:_

(BAdmis/Norm)

Receipt number: __

REMARKS:_

BARRIS COUNTY FESD

09/19/04 Date:

16:04 Time:

PUBLIC RELEASE REPORT FOR HARRIS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

CASE NO: 040 FIRE MARSHAL 0408225232

ATASCOCETA FD

Type of Offense:

ARSON INHABITED

MUTOR VEHICLES

Location:

GRID: 3760

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At/Between ΑT

Date/Time 08/22/04 03:39 Date/Time

Premises Involved: MOTOR VEHICLE Cause of Fire : ELECTRICAL DIS

: ELECTRICAL CISTR.

Weather Condition: MIGHT

Kethod of Entry:

Corplainant Informations44

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ADB'HRACE SEX HISP

NAME OF INVESTIGATING OF

PROFERTY INVOLVED? GNARB TYPE/DESO

VALUE/ LOSS

VEHICLE INVOLVED:

MODEL YR MAKE

FORE 01 (D) DAMAGED

VALUE/ LOSS 20000

Synopsis of Offense:

ON AUGUST 22. 2004, AT CASSINGUES, TOVESTICATOR 8.D. HOLMES RESPONDED TO A VEHICLE FIRE LOCATED AT THE THIS WAS AT THE REQUEST OF THE ATASCOCIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. UPON ARRIVAL INVESTIGATOR OBSERVED A 2001 FORD SUPERCREM F150, HALF-TON TRUCK, DISPLAYING TEXAS LICENSE PLATE THE FIRE DAMAGED THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT OF THE VEHICLE, WHICH IS THE AREA OF ORIGIN. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT. THIS FIRE IS ACCIDENTAL IN NATURE.

FIRE DET.

08/22/2004 14:34 PAI 28:2018874 DETAIL REPORT FOR HARR: COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

ARSON PROPERTY CLASS:

HARRIS COUNTY FESD

MG OUB

CA: NO: 0408225232

Dat 09/19/04 Time: 16:04

Page: 3

Property Involved: Value/ Per/No Item St Brand NIC Number Serial Number Type LOS5 Vehicle Involved: Per/No Status Make Model Lit VCO LIC LIS Value/ LOSS C01 FORD ŦΧ 20000 ((FORD SUPERCREW F150 CREW CAB VIN/SERIAL MUMBER :

Synopsis of Offenses.

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Suspects Involved:

2001

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Narrative:

ENTERED BY: HOLMES, 8. D. Date: 09/14/04 Time: 15:14

ASSIGNMENT:

ON AUGUST 22, 2004, AT 0355 HOURS, INVESTIGATOR R.D. HOLMES AT THE REQUEST OF THE ATASCOCITA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE ALARM TIME WAS 0330 HOURS. TARRESTEE THE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE ALARM TIME WAS 0339 HOURS. INVESTIGATOR ARRIVED ON SCENE AT 0420 HOURS.

SCENE SUMMARY:

UPON ARRIVAL INVESTIGATOR OBSERVED A 2001 FORD F150 SUPERCREW, FOUR UPON ARRIVAL INVESTIGATOR OBSERVED A 2001 FORD F150 SUPERCREM, FOUR DOOR PASSENGER TRUCK, DISPLAYING TEXAS LICENSE PLATE THE THE VEHICLE WAS PARKED IN THE DRIVENAY IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE AT THE ABOVE LISTED ADDRESS. THE VEHICLE ARREST TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION PRIOR TO THE FIRE. NO ITEMS WERE OBSERVED WISSING FROM THE VEHICLE. LIGHTING WAS GOOD DUE TO ARRIFFICIAL LIGHTING IN THE AREA. THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR

FIRE DAMAGE:

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AREA OF ORIGIN:

HEAVIEST AND MOST BOUNTETE BURNING OF COMBUSTION DOCTORED IN HE
ENGINE COMPARTMENT CHATTLE BRIVER'S SIDE NEAR THE BURNEY, WHICH IS
THE AREA OF ORIGIN:

EVIDENCE:
INVESTIGATOR DOCUMENTS

INVESTIGATOR DOCUMENTED THE SCENE WITH A SERIES OF COROR DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

IMBURIES/FATALITIES: NONE REPORTED ...

EXPOSURES:

THERE WERE NO EXPOSURE DANAGES IT

INSURANCE:

THE COMPLAINANT STATED THAT HELMAENTANED INSURANCE THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD INSURANCE COMPANY. 1-888-752-7834

WITNESSES:

INVESTIGATOR SPOKE WITH ERICA WALKER, REPORTEE #01, WHO STATED THAT SHE WAS ASLEEP IN HER BEDROOK AND HEARD A NOISE, SHE LOOKED OUT THE WINDOW AND THOUGHT THAT THE HOUSE WAS ON FIRE. SHE TOLD HER PARENTS AND EXITED THE RESIDENCE. ONCE OUTSIDE THEY SAW THAT THEIR TRUCK WAS

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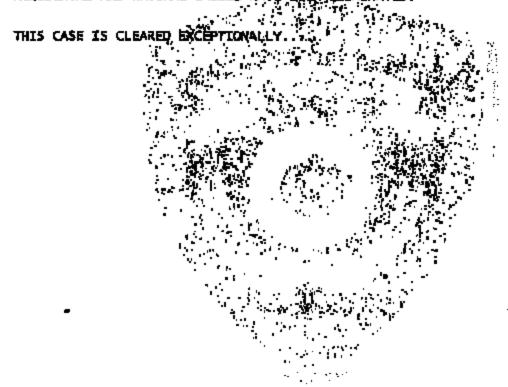
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ON FIRE. SHE STATED THAT FIRE WAS COMING FROM UNDER THE HOOD OF THE VEHICLE.

INVESTIGATOR SPOKE WITH COMPLAINANT #01, WHO STATED THAT HE HAD HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THE VEHICLE. HE STATED HE HAD HAD NO PREVIOUS FIRES. CAUSE OF THE FIRE:

UPON EXAMINATION OF THE SCENE AND SPEAKING WITH WITNESSES THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE IS MOST PROBABLY AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION. THIS IGNITED MATERIALS ADJACENT TO THE ELECTRICAL ITEM. THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE IS ACCIDENTAL IN NATURE. ALL OTHER INCENI ALL OTHER INCENDIARY, ACCIDENTAL AND NATURAL CAUSES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.



All Action Details for Issue

Print

VIN: 1FTRW07L51

Year: 2001

Model: F-SERIES Case: 1401512364

Name:

Owner Status: Original

Symptom Deed: FIRE/SMCKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD

WSD: 2001-05-23

Reason Describeral - Customer Warting for acknowledgement

Primary Phone: Secondary Pho

lesus Type: 02 INFORMATION

Issue Status: CLOSED

Action; CB-IT MAY TAKE 7 DAYS FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO BEGIN INVESTIGATE.

Dealer: 04482 TEAM FORD

Origin Desc: US CONCERN CASE BASE

Odoparter: 87000 Mil Analyst Name: JASON (NCE Comm Type: PHONE Analyst: JINGE

Action Date: 06/26/2004

Action Time: 11,21,07,150

Action Data: No

Comments CUSTOMER SAID: -CUST SAYS VEH WAS PARKED IN HIS DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT OF 20TH AUG. AND EARLY MORNING HIS DAUGHTER NOTICED THAT THERE WAS BURNING SMELL AND EVERYBODY RAN OUTSIDE AND NOTICED HIS VEH CAUGHT IN FIRE AND GOT BURNT ON TO GROUND...IT WAS COMPLETELT ENGLIFED IN FLAMES.-CUST SAYS. CALLED FIRE DEPT. AND THEY CAME AND OCUSED FIRE. AND THEY THINK IT MUST HAVE SEEN AN SHORT CIRCUIT IN ELECTRICAL WIRING UNDER THE HOOD. THE VEH IS STILL IN THE DRIVEWAY AND THE HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION WANTS THE VEH REMOVED CUST SPOKE WITH A FORD REP AND WAS ADVISED TO LEAVE THE VEH ALONE UNTIL THE VEH WAS INSPECTED. CLIST WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CONTACTED BACK IN TWO BUSINESS DAYS BY FORDS LEGAL DEPT. AND HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED-CUST WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTACTED ON HIS CELL PHONE SAID: TEAM FORD 19000 EASTEX FREEWAYHUMBLE, TX 7733BCRC ADVISED; THANK YOU FOR CONTACTING US IN RELATION TO YOUR ONGOING CASE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS MAY TAKE UP TO 7 DAYS TO INITIATE. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THIS TYPE OF SITUATION IS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR FORD MOTOR COMPANY, I HAVE VIRRIFIED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO ENSURE WE CAN CONTACT YOU WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE OR REQUIRED.

All Action Details for Issue

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VIN: 1FTRW07L51 Name:

Year: 2001 Owner Status: Original Model: F-SERIES

Case: 1401512364

Symptom Deta: FIRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD

WSD: 2001-05-23

Pleaseon Oese: LEGAL - ACCIDENT / FIRE

Primary Phone: Secondary Pho

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

lasue Status: CLOSED

Action: ADVISE CUST INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Dealer: 04482 TEAM FORD

Comm Type: PHONE

Origin Deet: US CONCERN CASE BASE

Odometer: 80000 Mi Analyst Name: NAIOU SHARATH

Analyot: SNADU3

Action Data: Yes

Action Date: 08/23/2004 Action Time: 11,09,08,817

COMMENTS CLISTOMER SAID: -CUST SAYS VEH WAS PARKED IN HIS ORIVEWAY ON THE NIGHT OF 20TH AUG. AND EARLY MORNING HIS DAUGHTER NOTICED THAT THERE WAS BURNING SMELL AND EVERYBODY PAIN OUTSIDE AND NOTICED HIS VEH CAUGHT IN FIRE AND GOT BURNT ON TO GROUND...IT WAS COMPLETELT ENGULFED IN FLAMES. CUST SAYS CALLED FIFIE DEPT. AND THEY CAME AND DOUSED FIRE AND THEY THINK IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN SHORT CIRCUIT IN ELECTRICAL WIRING UNDER THE HOOD.-CUST SEEKING ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THIS ISSUES, AND CALLING TO REPORT THIS INCIDENT DEALER SAID: -NONE-CRC ADVISED: - I WILL FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO DUR CONSUMER AFFAIRS GROUP, SOMEBOOY FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS WILL CONTACT YOU IN 2 BUSINESS DAYS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER AND REPORT THIS INCIDENT.

Data Bement Name

Date Value

FIREVACCIDENT

Action: SEND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER TO CUSTOMER

Dealer: 04462 TEAM FORD

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 80000 MI

Action Date: 08/24/2004

Analyst Mann: FONSECA, LOURDES

Comm Type: MAIL Analyst: LFONSECA

NEARON (L.C.)

Action Time: 13.52.11.211

Action Data: Yes

Comments LPA WILL SEND DENIAL LETTER, NO OPEN RECALLS, ONP, BEYOND WARRANTY.

Cats Bioment Name

Data Value

CERTIFED LETTER #

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Action: DENY ASSISTANCE - BEYOND WARRANTY

Dealer: 04482 TEAM FORD

Action Date: 08/24/2004

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odomeker: 80000 MI

Analyst Name: FONSECA, LOURDES

Comm Type: MAIL

NEARON (LC.)

Analyst: LFONSECA

Action Time: 13.52.53,445

Action Data: No

Comments LPA WILL MAR. DENIAL, BEYOND WARRANTY, NO OPEN ONES, RECALLS.



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McBrayer Insurance Agency 234 South Tennessee Street Cartersville, GA 30120 (770) 382-8300

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February 11, 2005

Ford Motor Company Commer Affairs Dept. 16800 Executive Plaza Dr. MD 3NE-B Dearborn, MI 48126-4207

FORD MOTOR COMPLINY
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GENERAL COMPANY

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find outlosed a claim on a Ford F-150 for **Exercises** There are also pictures and bills attached. Listed below are the amounts need to be paid for the damage the fire in the truck caused.



\$15,416.27

\$4,595.50

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If you have any questions or concerns please Kimberly Lovins.



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Model: EXPEDITION Case: 530620285

Origin Deec: US CONCERN CASE BASE

WSD: 1997-04-24

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Action: CALLBACK ADD ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Dealer: 20:301 DON SANDERSON FORD INC.

Odometer: 180000 MI

Analyst Name: MARTINEZ GUILLERMO JOHNATHAN

Action Date: 01/28/2005

Comm Type: PHONE

Analysi: GMART144

Action Time: 15.16.14.189 Action Date: No

COMMENTED IN HISTORICAL..., CUST CALLING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFO ABOUT HER LEGAL CASE AS DOCUMENTED IN HISTORICAL..., CUST STATES INSURANCE REP CONTACT INFO IS 1 888 759 9034 X 21600- CLAIM MANUAL LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH INSURANCE COMPANY TAKING POSSESSION THE VEH -DEALER SAID: -NONECRC ADMISED: PLEASE ALLOW THE REQUESTED TIME FOR THE POLICY UP TO OCCUR SO THAY YOUR ISSUE MAY BE PROPERLY ADDRESSED. ADVISED CUST INFO WOULD BE DOCUMENTED ACCORDINGLY... ADDITIONALLY ADVISED TO ALLOW THE FOLLOW UP TIME TO OCCUR AND TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH LEGAL DEPT

Action: CAILBACK ADD ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Deuler: 20301 DON SANDERBON FORD INC.

Odomater: (80500 MI Amalyat Name: ALVAREZ WALTER:

Action Date: 02/02/2005

Comm Type: PHONE

Analysi: WALVARES Action Time: 17.02.53.129

Action Date: No

Origin Desc: US CONCETIN CASE BASE

Comments: CUSTOMER SAID: CUST CALLING BECALISE CUST WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THE LETTER SHE RECEIVED IS ABOUTCUST'S VEH GOT ON FIRE(ISSUE DOCUMENTED AS PER HISTORICALS OF JAN 28 2005)AND CUST WANTS TO KNOW IF THE LETTER IS IN REGARDS TO THATCRC ADVISED: PLEASE ALLOW THE REQUESTED TIME FOR THE POLLOW UP TO OCCUR SO THAT YOUR ISSUE MAY BE PROPERLY ADDRESSED, THERE IS NO INFORMATION ON THE LETTER CUST CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED

All Action Details for Issue

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VIN: SPMFU18LXVI

Year: 1997

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Symptom (Deec: FIRE/SMOKE SCORCHED/BURNT UNDERHOOD)

WSD: 1997-04-24

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Dealer: 20:301 OOM SANDERSON FORD INC.

Comm Type: PHONE Analysis WALVARES

Odometer: 180000 MR Analyst Norm: ALVAREZ WALTER Action Date: 01/28/2006

Action Time: 14.44.22.247

Action Date: No

Comments CUSTOMER SAID: -CUST CLAIMS CALLING BECAYSE SHE WANTS COMPENSATION FROM FORD DUE TO A SPONTANIEOUS FIRE ON HER VEH, THE DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:SATURDAY 22ND O JAMUARYFIRE STARTED ON THE MOTOR, THE VEH WAS OFF, AND IT STARTED TO GET ON FIRE SPONTANEOUSLYVEH CURRENTLY AT HOMETHERE IS A THE DEPTHEPORT, IT WAS WITH THE FIRE DEPTGLENDALEGUST CLAIMS IT WAS A PROBLEM WITH ELECTRICITYCLIST CLAMED WITH THE INSURANCE CO, BUT THEY DO NOT WANT TO PAY , AND THEY JUST WANT TO GIVE A LITTLEVEH IS A TOTAL LOSS , UNREPAIRABLE. THE FIRE CONSUMED THE VEH IN 8 MINITES, THE VEH WAS PARKED AND NOT RUNNING, CUST INDICATES SHE IS A SINGLE MOTHER AND SHE IS STILL PAYING FOR THE VEH, AND INDICATES SHE WANTS TO BE HELPED FINANCIALLY SINCE HER FINANCIAL SITUATION DETENORATED DUE TO THIS PROBLEMFURTHER INFO CAN BE PROVIDED BY CUST IF NEEDEDCUST CALLED INITIALLY TO SEE IF FIRE WAS RELATED TORECALL 05828, OF WHICH SHE HEARD ON THE NEWS, CLIST CLAMPS THERE WAS DAMAGE TO ANOTHER WEN PARKED. MEXT TO CUST'S VEH WHEN THE FIRE OCCURED AND OWNER OF SUCH VEH OBTAINED THE INSURANCE INFO FROM CUST, NO CONTACT FROM THAT INDIVIDUAL TO CUST YETCRIC ADVISED: I WILL FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THE FORD OGC DEPARTMENT, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WITHIN 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS.



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Dennis E. Ross

Vice President/Gen. Counsel Ford Motor Company

The American Road

#1205

Dearborn, MI 48126

Ford Motor Company Consumer Affairs P.O. Box 6248 MD-3NE-B

Dearborn, MI 48126

SECTION

TION

Re:

Hanover re:

Claim No.:

D/L:

11/18/04

Our File No.: 04-1710

Dear Mr. Ross:

Please be advised the undersigned law firm has been retained by Hanover Insurance Company in regards to a loss suffered by its insured, the loss of his 1999 Ford Expedition to fire which originated in the engine compartment. Unfortunately, the fire also spread to his residence at 4613 Taft Parkway, Metairie, LA.

Approximately \$200,000.00 in damages occurred to the home. Hanover Insurance insured this residence and will be seeking recovery from any party that our investigation determines to be potentially responsible.

We request that you contact our office in regards to inspecting the vehicle and the scene of the fire. At present, the scene is being preserved but it is exposed to the elements. Time is of the essence and we look forward to hearing from you shortly.

FISHER KANARIS, P.C.

Ford Motor Company November 19, 2004 Page 2

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Any questions or concerns may be addressed by contacting the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

FISHER KANARIS, P.C.

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Action Detell

VIN: (BARILITA XX

Year: 1999

Model: EXPEDITION | Case: 580303274

Owner Status: Subsequent

WSD: 1999-04-30 Primary Phone

Symptom Deet: FIRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME Reason Desc: LEGAL - FIRE CLAIM

lease Type: 07 LEGAL

Issue Status: CLOSED

Secondary Phone: Dealer: VETERANS FORD

Origin Cook: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION PREVENTION Action Date: REDIRECT TO OGC - PROPERTY DAMAGE OVER \$10,000 P & A Code: 09810

Action Date: No

Odometer: 95427 MI

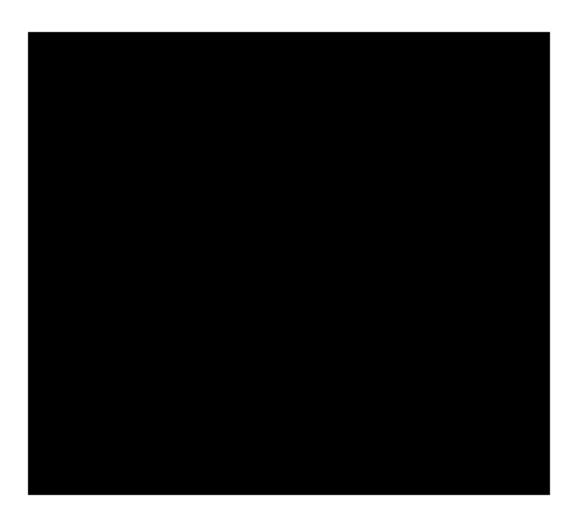
Comm Type: PHONE Action Time: 12:13:20:503

Action Date: 11/23/2004

COMMENTS: PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$200,000, HOME AND CAR BURNED. LPA FORWARDING TO OGC.

Analyst Mame: FONSECA, LOURDES NEARON (L.C.)

ANNIVAL: LEONSECA



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BEGINNING OF CONTACT

VOICE OF THE CUSTOMER TRACKING SYSTEM

19.15.03

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CASE NOR: OGC ISSUE 1385730904 ZONE: DI ENGINE: REGION: 47 CINCINNATI OPENED: 02/08/2005 FMRU18W7W W CLOSED: 02/08/2005 VEH TYPE: Т VIN: LAST NAME: STATUS **CLOSED** FIRST NAME: TITLE MI: ADDRESS: LOUISVILLE ΚY ZIP: STATE:

CITY: HOME PHONE: MODEL YEAR: MILEAGE

1998 100000 MODEL:

EXPEDITION WAGON 4X4

F47017 PAA

DEALER NAME: REASON CODE: SYMPTOMS:

BYEALY FORD INC

0792 LEGAL - ACCIDENT / PIRE 704145 FIRE/SMOKE VISIBLE FLAME UNDERHOOD

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US CONCERN CASE BASE COMMUNICATION: PHONE CONTACT ADVANCED TO OGC ANALYST: ROUDDUS QUDDUS, RAZIA

SALES CODE:

ORIGIN: ACTION: DOCUMENT:

DATE: 02/08/2006 TIME: 09.28.16: ACTION DATA/COMMENTS:

> CUSTOMER SAID: -VEH BURNT IN THE GARAGE ON 03/27/04 - POL! CE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE -FIRE DEPT ARRIVED AT THE SCENE AND PUT OUT THE FIRE-THEY SAID IT COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO AN ELE CTRICAL FIRE BECAUSE THE FOCUS OF THE FIRE UNDER THE HOOD -NOOME WAS WAS HURT GARAGE WAS BURNT BUT THERE WAS NO FURTH ONTACTED THEY PAID FOR THE DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE BUT CUST DO ES NOT KNOW WHO PAID FOR THE VEH. THE VEH WAS TOTALLED AND THE INSURANCE COMPANY TOOK IT - OLDSHIP WAS CONTACTED TO INFO RN THEM BUT THEY SORT OF COLD SHOULDERED IT - OUST SEEKS ASS ISTANCE FROM FORD BECAUSE THEY HEARD ABOUT THE NEW RECALL AND FEELS THAT DEFECT COULD BE RESPONSINBLE FOR THE FIRE WANTS TO KNOWDEALER SAID: BYERLY FORDAGE DIXE HWY.LOUISVILLE, KY 40216TEL: (502) 448-1861 NONECRC ADVISED: I WILL FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO THE FORD OGC DEPARTMENT, YOU WILL BE GO NTACTED WITHIN 3-5 BUSINESS DAYS.

> > PORO MOTOR COMPANY RECEIVED

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VAN: 16MBU18W7W1

Year: 1998 Comer Status: Original Model: EXPEDITION

Case: 1396730904

Name

Symptom Deec: FIRE/SMOKE SCORCHED/BURNT UNDERHOOD

WSD: 1998-01-28 Primary Phone:

Resear Deec: LEGAL - ACCIDENT / FIRE

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Secondary Phone:

Agien: ADVISE CUST INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Dealer: 05702 BYERLY FORD INC.

Origin Deac: US CONCERN CASE BASE

Octomater: 111500 MI Analyst Name: JOVANIE GREAVES Comm Type: PHONE Analyst: JGREAV11

Action Date: 03/30/2004

Action Time: 10.43.02.765

Action Date: Yes

Caller Information If Different From Vehicle Owner:

First Name MR. DAVID GARY Middle Initial

Last Meme BLANDFORD Day Phone

Relationship

5022689932

OTHER

COMMENTALEFT IN ANOTHER SAYS: - PARKED VIEH IN GARAGE ON SATURDAY... IT WAS SITTING FOR ABOUT 30-46 MINUTES WHEN ILLEFT IN ANOTHER VIEH... WHEN RETURNED ABOUT 2 HRS LATER NOTICED THE GARAGE HAD BLACK SMOKE COMING OUT - DISCOVERED THAT VIEH HAD CAUGHT ON FIRE... THE ENTIRE ENGINE COMPARTMENT WAS SURNT OUT - EVERYTHING IN THE GARAGE THAT WAS PLASTIC WAS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED; THERE WAS SMOKE DAMAGE TO PARTS OF THE HOUSE; ALL THE PLASTIC TRIM AROUND THE GARAGE WAS MELTED; THE ENTIRE GARAGE HAS BEEN SLACKENED - HAVE TURNED EVERYTHING OVER TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY; VIEH IS STILL AT THE HOME ON THE DRIVEWAY - CONTACTED THE JEFFERSON TOWN FIRE DEPT... THEY HAVE PICTURES, NO REPORT WAS PROVIDED PER CUSTOMER, DEALER SAYS: NONE CAC ADVISED: - I WILL FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO OUR CONSUMER AFFAIRS GROUP, SOMEBODY FROM CONSUMER AFFAIRS WILL CONTACT YOU IN 2 BUSINESS DAYS. PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR INSURANCE CARRIER AND REPORT THIS INCIDENT. INFERENCE CASE ID: 5349

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FIRE/ACCIDENT

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Action: MAKE OUTBOUND CALL TO CUSTOMER

Design: 05702 SYERLY FORD SVC

Origin Dust: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odposeter; 111500 M Analyst Name: CSTALSAN Comm Type; PHONE

Analyst Name: GRAHAM, ROCHELLE

Analysi: AGRAHA41

Action Date: 03/31/2004

Action Time: 16.57.55.087

Action Date: Yes

CONTINUED CONTACTED CUSTOMER REGARDING VEHICLE CONCERN... ADVISED INSURANCE COMPANY NANDLING CLAIM. ADVISED CUSTOMER NO RELATED RECALLS... CONTINUE WORKING WITH INSURANCE CARRIER SINCE THEY MAY SUBROGATE AGAINST FORD IF PRODUCT DEFECT POUND.

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CONTACT PERSON

DAVID BARY BLANDFORD

Action: REFER TO INSURANCE CARRIER - INSURANCE COMPANY ALREADY INVOLVED

Dealer: 06702 BYERLY FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 111500 Mil.

Comm Type: MAR.

2/24/2005

Analyst Name: GRAHAM, ROCHELLE

Analysi: RGRAHA41

Action Date: 03/31/2004

Action Time: 17,02,41,453

Action Date: No

Comments NO RELATED RECALLS., SENT CUSTOMER "INSURANCE CARRIER ALREADY INVOLVED" LETTER.



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J&S CLAIM SERVICE, INC.

1112 REYCRAFT, KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN 49001

(269) 342-4727 · FAX (269) 342-0307

February 10, 2005

Ford Motor Company

Attn.: Jody Banchiu - Litigation Department

(FAX #: 313-322-1450)

RE:

Inured:

Date of Loss: 12/19/04

Our File No

Claim No.:

FEB 1 5 2005

Dear Ms. Banchiu:

We represent Auto-Owners Insurance Company. They have a homeowner's policy with case opolis, Michigan

On December 19, 2004, which had a fire at his home. It appears that the possible cause of the fire may have use a malfunction of 1993 Ford Expedition. The day previous to this the vehicle had been in for some service work at C. Wimberley Automotive group in Cassopotis, Michigan. The contact person is Vickie Woods at C. Wimberley. Their address of 66031 M-51 South, Downgiac, Michigan and the contact telephone number is 269-782-2151.

C. Wimberley, after being advised of this loss, had contacted their insurance carrier who is Universal Underwriters. Universal Underwriters then followed up to contact an expert by the name of Sam Borrello who can be at 734-658-1857. On behelf of Auto-Owners Insurance Company we had contacted James Raad of Nederveld Associates, telephone number 1-800-222-1868 to complete an investigation.

These two individuals met recently and after their investigation, they felt that it would be necessary to advise Ford Motor Company of a possible subrogation potential as it pettains to this fire.

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We would appreciate it if after review of this information you would contact me to discuss the details of this.

We thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

J & S CLAIM SERVICE, INC.

Ronald A. Magin, Claims Adjusted

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Co: Auto-Owners Ios. Co.



Office of the General Coursel

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Ford Motor Company Partiens Towers West Suite 200 Three Parking Souloverd Deurborn, Michigan 41121-2518

February 23, 2005

J & S Claim Bervice, Inc. 1112 Reycraft Kalamazoo, MI 49001 ATTENTION: RONALD MAGIN

Re:

Claiment:

D/O/E:

Chim#:

12-19-2004

Dear Mr. Megin:

. We advantedge your recent	ly submitted aubrogation claim.	. In order to esalet us in evaluating y	our chin,
we request that you provide us with the t	following information: (Please n	al betseuper noltermoint ett tech sko	in regard to
the Ford manufactured vehicle.)		•	-

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N a	-	and subsequent to the lam. A copy of the police and/or live report.
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П	4.	Original color photographs of the inside of the vehicle showing the steering wheel, dash and roof
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	5.	Original culor photographs of the accident / fire scene from several different angles,
図	6,	Attach a copy of your expert's report and the expert's original photographs.
Ø	7.	Atlach the repair estimate, repeir order, or your total loss worksheet for the
		vehicle's damage and any losses associated with this incident, and
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	9.	What was the cate and state of occurrence: CASSOPOLIS NA MILLEUGAN
	10.	The 17 digit vehicle identification number: 🏂 🚶 千ペタリンとしゅんご
	11.	When was the mileage at time of occurrence: <u> </u>
	12	What is the alleged defect: ¥ SEC PEPORT
	13.	Has the alleged defective part been repaired or replaced? (circle one) Yes of Ho

4.	What is the current location of the vehicle, and the slleged defective part(s)?
	- GARAGE OUNGO BY MOTHERED LONST
5.	List all after market edititions or modifications that were made to the vehicle:
ì	Was the engine running? (circle one) Yes or No
7.	Were the keys in the ignition? (circle one) Yes or No
3.	Wee this vehicle purchased new or used: USGO
	If purchased used, provide the dete of purchase, mileage at the time of purchase, and from whom
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Once we are in receipt of the requested information, it will be reviewed and you will be notified at our decision concerning your claim. Should you not send all of the requested information and materials, we will assume that you are not interested in pursuing a claim and we will close our tile. Please note that your vehicle will not be inspected until all the above information has been submitted and a determination has been such as to whether an inspection is warranted.

Please be advised that all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that the subject vehicle and all of its component partie are maintained and preserved for trial. First Motor Company has the right to inspect the vehicle and remove and test any component part that you claim to be defective, and to be presented with the vehicle and the subject component part(s) at the time of trial, should Rigation ensue from this Informal claim.

Pieces Note: If you propose to repair the vehicle for continued usage, such repairs may not be performed until after Food Motor Company has inspected the vehicle and removed and feeted any component part you claim to be defective or solvined you in writing that it does not intend to perform such inspection and/or testing at this time. But even in that event, Food Motor Company will insist that all components claimed to be defective are insintelned and preserved for trial.

Sincerely,

Shawn L. Norion Cleims Analyst / Litigation Assistant DATE: 3/11/2005

INSURED:

CLAIM NO.:

Description #1:

1998 FORD EXPEDITION INVOVEED IN THE FIRE.

Description #2:



Description #3:



DATE: 3/11/2005

INSURED:

CLAIM NO.:

PHOTO'S SHOW EXTERIOR OF THE HOUSE. THIS IS

Description #2:

Description #1: PHOTO'S SHOW EXTERIOR OF TO THE EAST SIDE LOOKING AT THE GARAGE DOORS.







Description #4:





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103 Commerce Blvd PO Box 4898 Symuso NY 13221

Pax Number: 877/865-5860 Telephone: 800/628-0250 Bzt 1434

August 31, 2004

FORD MOTOR COMPANY 3 PARKLANE AVE PTW STE 514 DEARBORN MI 48126

Re:

Our Insured:

Claim Number

Afjuster Code: 6/29

Date of Lass: 08/20/04

Your Insured: FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Your Claims No:

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
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GENERAL COUNSEL

Dear Rord Motor Company;

Our investigation indicated the above incident was caused by the negligence of your insured. Enclosed are our subrogation papers, please forward your payment for the total amount listed below.

Our Payment:

\$7261

Deductible:

\$500

Total Claim:

\$7761.00

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Betar Inside Adjuster

Enclosure(s)

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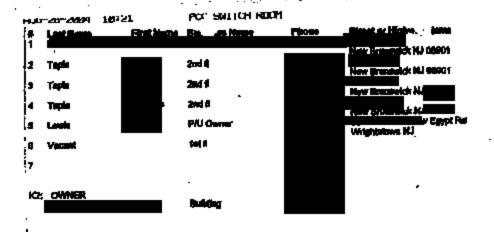
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ter fireterick Division of Fire Safety Investigation Report Printer: 90/25/04 Page; 1 Streetigation No: 04-08-20-830 Dept. Aufr. 482725 Date Fire Occurred: 06/28/04 · Friday Alaru Tine: 43:67 Date of Investigation: 08/28/04 - Friday Invest. Time: 03:20 4 Stieth Street Address of Incident: Number of Alares:) 8lock/Lat: 461 - 39 Ourser/Agent: North Bryspatck NJ (11mg Cocupant(s): Fire Clacownel by: files Resorted by: Conditions: Varu Tesperature; 65 F Meether: Case Status: C -Closed Unestigation 94-Uncovered Parking Area Fixed Property Use: Hefgit: Construction: · . Diâmstanı Occupancy: W/A Acof: A/A W/A Estarior: Interior sellisi Electricall: W۸ Heating System(s): WA Court Flore: Chimney(1): N/A Resourt Citizens Jesuralez Caspuly 163 Coloiraco Fivi Liverpool III 13066 Policy Sigirgs: 62/69/2465 Laparance: Company Batta: folicy: NIT 5005467 Phone: 1-800-628-0260 Agené: Commerce Retional Universes Services 1701 Highery 70 East, Chorry Hill 61 08034 Paurimover Citizens Insurance Company Phone: 1-656-480-2009 Attester: Phone: 1-600-628-0250 1546 Price Sungu No moticable dange Deenge: Later for Compa: Controped, along with ungles compartment Fire damage to front and can sides Exterior Design: Contents Decemen Interior contents destroyed, place test to bed area Engines Engine 1. Engine 8 and Car 21 Luction: Laction Co. 1 Bestine:

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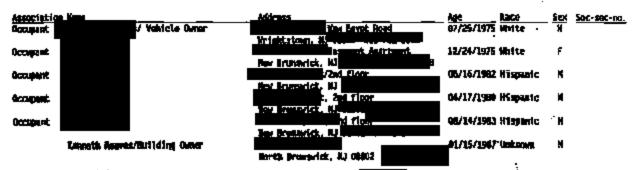
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At 1920 hours this date, the undereigned was notified by New Ornstorick Publics Disputch and requested to respond to a vehicle Fire located at \$ 51xth Street. those applical I are with Deputy Chief Grinches who stated that the vehicle was parked in the driveley, Tousted so the exposure & side of the house. He also stated that the fire extended from the validie to the visity siding of 8 Sixth Street and an editional vehicle parked in front of fire vehicle.

Upon investigation of the ecose, the vehicle was a black 1997 Ford F-158 truck. The entire orgins and passeoper conpertments were completely destroyed. The area of origin was the engine conjustment. The battery which was located on the passenger side and the easter cylinder, located main the fire well on the driver side were completely consumed, the register was partly maited and the entire fiborelass heed was gone.

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Foltuary 23, 1998

Ford Motor Company Office of the General Council. Park Lane Towers West, Suite 400 3 Park Lane Blvd. Deer Borne, MI 48126 Attn; Mary Skevington

RE: Our insured:

Our Claim No:

Date of Loss:

Policy No:

11/20/97

COMPANY RECEIVED CLAIMS UNIT FEB 2 7 1998 OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Dear Ms. Skevington:

This letter is to notify your company of a loss by our insureds. While in a parking lot, unattended, in Spooner, Wisconsin a fire developed under the hood whereby a subsequent total loss now exists. The vehicle is a 1997 Ford Expedition, serial #1FMEU18WXVI

Currently the vehicle is located at Safety Engineering Associates, Inc., 2798 South Fish Hatchery Road, Madison, Wiscomin 53711-5398. That firm will be determining the cause and origin with Mr. Don Marty as contact person.

Sincerely,

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Material Damage Supervisor

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HOBART M. HIND, JR. Senior Associate Tampa hhind@bbplaw.com



July 9, 2003

Ms. Shawn L. Norton Ford Motor Company - Office of the General Counsel Parkiane Towers West Suite 300; Three Parklane Blvd. Dearborn, MI 48126-2568

Re:

Insured:

Claim Number:

Date of Loss:

5/13/03

Our File Number:

0480-0305066

Dear Shewn:

In response to your letter dated May 19, 2003, we provide the following гевропевь:

- The vehicle was parked in 2. garage when it caught fire. The vehicle had not been driven since approximately 3:00 in the afternoon on the day of the fire. See attached report.
- Attached. 3.
- Approximately 98,000 miles.
 - We are attempting to obtain photograph exhibits and will provide copies of same upon receipt.
 - Our investigation is continuing. 10.
 - Our investigation is continuing. 11.
 - We are attempting to obtain this information and copies of same will be 14. produced upon receipt
 - 15. Attached.
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The subject vehicle was purchased used by December 5, 2001 from Far South Auto, Inc. with 78,947 miles.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at any time. In the meantime, we will continue to investigate the issues that are still open in this case.

Very truly yours,

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Dispatched to a structure fire with macks showing from a bouse, All units responding from stations. EM70 and PU70 on scene found EM46 on scene laing a 3 inch supply line from the road to the house, Lt. 46 advised he had beavy smoke showing from a two car detached garage. Lt. Anderson assumed command and along with PF Cranor, PF Wilson and PF Bergyrep went to the garage to find EM46s orew advancing an 1 3\d line to the east side single door of the garage the fire was venting from the same door. Lt 46 asked for the garage door to be opened and Lt. Anderson had PF Bergyren open the door from the outside, the other PFs pulled a second line off of EM46 and backed up the first crew at the side door. The fire was knocked down and sent inside for operations inside the garage. The fire was still burning in the attic apace, Lt. Anderson had his crew advance up a ladder and knock that fire down. The attic had large amounts of stored products and the fire was still burning, we bad to remove must of the things in that space before the fire would go out.

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Inspectors Report:

1870 and FM70 on somme found a two car detached garage with a rad, 1997, Ford Expedition parked in the right bay of the garage facing in. IN70 and PM70 spoke with the on scene fire crew from EN46, they stated upon arrival they found the east side garage door open and Fire coming from the engine compartment of the vehicle with extension to the attic space of the garage, 1970 and 1970 walked around the perimeter of the garage and noted the amake staining in the eves of the garage slong the roof line. On the east side of the garage INTO noticed the garage door was open. On the ground next to the door was a white B:C extinguisher appeared to have been used. The west side garage buy door was rolled up. The east side garage bay door was removed during suppression activities. Open extering the garage INTO and ENTO noted the was pattern on the north wall, this fire damage indicated the fire was on or about the vehicle. Open the inspection of the vehicle it was noted the bood was down and almost gone. Fire appeared to have come from under the wheel wells on both sides and the front grill area. In side the vehicle was damage done by what appeared to be fire extension through the fire wall of the webicle. IN70 took Pictures of the Vebicle in the gazage. The webicle was removed from the carage to aid in the overhaul of the carage. After the vehicle was removed from the garage 1870 and FM70 took more picture of the vehicle and then removed some of the drop down from the engine comparisent area of the vehicle. The fire appeared to have originated on or about the engine compariment of the vehicle. This fire appeared to be uniptentional in nature, the exact cause was undetermined.

Statement#:

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Maples, Fl.

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5'11" White/Male

etated that he was awakened by his neighbors son that stated he saw marks coming from his gazage on his way home. He came outside and opened the east door to the gazage and observed that fire was coming from the engine compartment from the vehicle inside. He went and obtained an extinguisher be had inside his home and attempted to extinguish the fire. He than went to his boat and retrieved another extinguisher that did not extinguish the fire also. He quickly goved his other rehicle that was parked in front of the east bay door to a safe location and then went back and noved a boat that was parked in front of the wast hay door to a safe location. He went on to say by that time the first fire truck showed up and took over the scame. He also stated that his wife was the last one to drive the vehicle and

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Marcative: park it in the garage around 15:88 or 15:15. We changed the oil in the vehicle the weekend prior to the fire.
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atated she came home with the vehicle and the kids and parked it in the right bay of the garage. She then was also water by the neighbors son that told them their garage had smoke coming from it. She stated that she did have repairs done to the vehicle at Tamiani Ford book on March 13, 2003, because the vehicle would hemitate when accolerating. showed a work invoice from Tamiani Ford to INTO and ENTO.
CCSO Case # 15309-03 Cpl. Porkowski #160# vehicle Vin # 1992817LOVI
Follow up investigation: On 5/14/03 INTO, FMTO and INTO went out to look at the vehicle and the gazage. Upon arrival found Matt Wark with James M. Wark & Associates, Inc. on scene to investigate the fire from the Mationwide Insurance. Also on scene Debra Osborne from Mationwide Insurance Claims to assess the fire damage. Their private investigator also stated that be believed the fire started on or about the engine compartment of the vehicle.
INTO - Fire Inspector Jason Gunkle - FHTO - Fire Marshal Milliam Silvester CHT1 - Assistant Chief Dave Anderson CHT2 - Deputy Chief Nolan J. Sapp
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY HOPKINS CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL BRANCH DIVISION

CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-CI-

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PLAINTIFFS

VS.

COMPLAINT

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
Serve: PA, C.T. Corporation System
Ky Home Life Building
Louisville, KY 40202

DEFENDANT

Come the Plaintiffs.

COUNT I

- 1. At all times hereinafter monitored, the Defendant, Ford Motor Company ("Ford"), was and now is a foreign corporation engaged in the design, manufacture and safe of various vehicles; that Ford did and does carry on business within the State of Kentucky; and that its resident agent for service of process is C.T. Corporation System, Kentucky Home Life Building, Louisville, Kentucky 40202.
- 2. The cause of action hereinafter set forth arose us a a result of business transacted by Ford in Kentucky and from goods and/or services Ford contracted to supply within the State of Kentucky, by reason of which this Court may exercise personal jurisdiction over Ford.

- Lantrip previously purchased a 1997 Ford F 150 pickup truck, VIN #
 1FTDX17W)VN which had been designed, manufactured and sold by Ford.
- Thereafter, on or about 3/16/02, Lantrip's vehicle was parked in the garage of his home at Madisonville, Hopkins County, Kentucky.
- 5. While Landrip's vehicle was so parked, the truck caught fire by reason of negligence on the part of Ford in the design and/or manufacture of the vehicle, causing severe damage to the vehicle, to the house and contents and to a van and motorcycle parked in or near the garage thereof (hereafter, the "property").
- 6. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Pord, as aforesaid, the property of Lantrip was damaged in the amount of \$59,983.82, representing the difference between the fair market value thereof immediately before and immediately after said fire.
- 7. At the time of said accident, State Parm had in full force and effect an automobile insurance policy providing coverage for the vehicle of Lantrip, as well as a homeowner's policy providing coverage for Lantrip's home, contents and other vehicles.
- Pursuant to the terms of its policy, State Farm has previously paid the sum of \$58,983,82 to or on behalf of Lantrig, which State Parm is now entitled to recover from Ford.

COUNT II

- State Parm reiterates and reaffirms each and every allegation of Count I as fully as if set out at length herein.
- 10. Ford either expressly or impliedly warranted to those reasonably expected to use said vehicle that it was free from defects in manufacture and design and further warranted that the vehicle was fit for the purpose for which it was used, without an unreasonable risk of barm.
 - 11. Said vehicle could not be operated without an unreasonable risk of harm to

Holmes.

 The damages described herein were the result of a breach of warrardy as hereinabove set forth.

COUNT III

- 13. State Farm reiterates and reaffirms each and every allegation of Court I as fully as if set out at length herein.
- 14. At the time of manufacture and sale of said vehicle by Ford, and at all times thereafter, the vehicle was in a defective condition unreasonably dangerous to operators thereof, including Holmes.

COUNT IV

- 15. Lantrip reliterates and reaffirms each and every allegation of Counts I, II and III as fully as if set out at length herein.
- 16. Lantrip is entitled to recover from Ford the sum of \$500.00, representing the deductible amount under his policies of insurance.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment against the Defendant, Ford Motor Company, as follows:

- a) Judgment in favor of State Farm in the sum of \$58,983.82.
- b) Indement in favor of Michael Lantrip in the sum of \$500.00.
- c) Interest thereon; their costs herein expended; attorney's fees and all other relief to which they may appear entitled.

JAMES R. ODELL, P.S.C. PO Box 2258 429 North Broadway Lexington, Kentucky 40588-2258 (859) 231-0210 Fax (859) 252-2917

BY:

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

State Farm Insurance Companies



July 22, 2002

Ford Motor Company Parkiane Towers West Suite 400 3 Parkiand Blvd Dearborn MI 48126-2568



Claim Office P.O. Box 30279 Charlentile, Tennestee 37040 Phone: 831-853-8700 FAX 931-853-8798

*** CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED ***

RE: Claim Number

Our Insured:

Date of Loss: 3/16/02

Make, Model, & Yr: 1997 Ford F150 Supercab Pk

VIN: IFTDX17W0V)

The identified vehicle is insured by State Farm Mutual Automobile insurance Company. This vehicle experienced a fire. This fire also damaged their home as well as a van and a motorcycle that was also in the garage.

State Farm would like to give you an opportunity to inspect the vehicle and give you advance potice of our potential subrogation claim.

Please contact me at (931) 553-6700 to set up a time for your inspection.

Sincerely,

Bill Fritz

Claim Specialist

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company

(931) 553-6700

BF/ac

cc: Claim Representative Jeremy Moran - 17-E037-009

HOME OFFICES: SLOOMMOTON, ILLINOIS SI718-0001

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BF/ac

cc: Claim Representative Jeremy Moran - Fire Claim #17-E037-009

EATON ENGINEERING COMPANY P.O. Box 108

Nicholasville, Kentucky 40340

14 June 2002

Mr. Bill Fritz STATE FARM FIRE & CASUALTY INSURANCE CO. P. O. Box 30279 Cłarksville, Tennessee 37040

INVESTIGATION OF A FIRE INVOLVING A 1997 FORD F150 PICKUP RE: OWNED BY THAT WAS INVOLVED IN A FIRE ON 16 MARCH 2002 IN MADISONVILLE, KENTUCKY

EEC FILE 220501

SFIC CLAIM:

FORD VIN: 1FTDX17WOVN

INSURED:

. Madisonville, KY

Dear Mr. Fritz:

This letter is to report the results of an engineering evaluation of the cause of a fire involving a 1997 Ford F150 pickup truck owned by truck caught on fire over an hour after being parked inside the garage at this frome on 16 March 2002; the truck was last used to make a local 3-mile trip.

This report is based on an examination of the 1997 Ford at Sadisco (stock no. 270488) in Paducah, Kentucky, that was performed on 1 May 2002. At that time, there had been minimal post-fire disturbance of the truck. interviewed by telephone on 14 May 2002.

indicated that he had purchased the used vehicle at Hudson Automotive in Madisonville when it was about two years old. The mileage at the time of purchase was in the 70-80,000 mile range. The odometer reading when the fire occurred was over 100,000 miles. Nothing unusual regarding the operation of the truck was noted prior to the fire.

Thomas E. Ealon, PC, ScO Telephone: (1884, 185-545) EEC File 220501, Page 2 14 June 2002

work had been required on the 1997 Ford pickup. He also said that he had done nothing to modify, repair, or after the electrical wiring on the F150 truck. He had never had to replace an electrical fuse. The receiver and wiring for towing trailers was on the truck when it was purchased.

The vehicle examined was a white, 1997 Ford F150 XLT; it was assembled in 09/1996 with VIN: 1FTDX17W90VNt The truck had a gasoline V8 engine and an automatic transmission. The left, front tire was the only flat on the vehicle. The tires were General Ameri*550 AS X4, P235/70R16. The truck had a towing hitch receiver and a trailer light connecting harmess. The truck-mounted connector for the trailer wiring was a Ford part identified by F4TB-14A464-AT.

From a general inspection of the 1997 Ford, it was evident that the fire had originated inside the engine compartment. The general visual inspection established that a slowly developing fire had originated on the left rear of the engine compartment in the immediate vicinity of the main electrical power block. The aluminum hood had melted.

The windshield was broken out, but fire had entered the truck cab only during the later stages of the fire. There was only limited fire damage inside the truck cab, and there had been little burning at lower levels in the cab. It was apparent that the fire did not originate inside the dash assembly or in the vicinity of the steering column. The dual air bags had not deployed.

The fire damages and burn patterns indicated the fire had originally developed in the upper, left, rear corner of the engine compartment. The origin of the fire was in front of the power brake booster assembly, in the area of the right side of the electric power block and above the left, front suspension. The origin area was also beside the left, center of the V8 engine. Close examination of the origin area showed that the fire had began under the right, rear corner of the main electrical power block.

It was apparent that engine exhaust system components had not been involved in igniting the fire. Also, a slowly developing fire was indicated; engine oil, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid had not been involved in the fire. The brake master cylinder and the brake fluid reservoir were destroyed and consumed in the fire.

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The electrical system on the vehicle was examined. The battery, main battery cable, alternator, and alternator cable was not involved in causing the fire. The wiring harness inside the truck cab was well removed from the origin of the fire. The wiring harness on the engine was not involved in causing the fire.

However, the main electrical wiring harness in the engine compartment was at the origin of the fire. All branch electrical circuits on the F150 truck were fed via the main electrical power block. In addition to large fuses, the power block contained various electrical relays. The power block was destroyed by fire. Because of this heavy fire damage, the post-fire status of the various electrical fuses and relays on the power block could not be determined.

The main, electrical power block was mounted on a pedestal frame fabricated from sheet metal. Numerous electrical wires in the main wiring harness were attached to the bottom of the power block. These wires ran through the mounting pedestal, around the right, rear comer of the pedestal to the left, rear comer of the engine compartment.

Examination of the electrical wiring in the area where the fire originated revealed numerous electrical wiring shorts had occurred in the main wiring harness under the power block. It was also found that the wiring shorts were concentrated around the location where the main harness was reating against the corner edge of the sheet metal pedestal that supported the power block. The location of the electrical shorts in the main wiring harness verified that the fire began underneath the right, rear of the power block and that the cause of the fire was an electrical system malfunction.

From examination of the fire-damaged vehicle and evaluation of the truck electrical system, it was concluded that the probable cause of the fire on 16 March 2002 was physical damage to the main wiring harness. Specifically, the electrical insulation was damaged where it rested against the sheat metal mounting pedestal for the electrical power block. This initiated an electrical short involving the main wiring harness with contained numerous feeder wires. The initial wiring short caused additional wiring shorts to occur nearby. Multiple wiring shorts involving feeder wires in the main wiring harness caused the engine compartment fire to be ignited. The primary causative factor in this case was physical damage to the truck wiring harness.



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The fuse box at the lower, left side of the dash assembly was inspected. These fuses were found blown inside the cab:

Circuit #13 – 30A, Brake ON/OFF switch, rear antilock brake module, & brake pressure switch.

Circuit #14 - 15A, Interior lamps & accessory delay relay

Circuit #29 - 5A, Autolamp, instrument cluster, transmission control indicator lamp & switch

The owner's manual with the F150 truck called for a 15-Amp fuse in Circuit #13 instead of the 30-Amp fuse found blown in this circuit. However, the fire was ignited by multiple circuit faults (shorts) involving wiring coming from the main power block in the engine compartment – not by circuits fed from the fuse box in the truck cab.

There was no evidence found that the truck wiring harness had been modified or altered. No added or altered wiring was found at the fuse block where the fire began or at the fuse box inside the cab. The fire was not caused by after-market alteration of the electrical wiring on the vehicle.

It was noted that there was unusual and unexplained, post-fire appearance to the top of the engine oil, dipstick tube. The dipstick tube was located on the left side of the engine in the vicinity of the origin of the fire. No association between the dipstick tube appearance and the cause of the fire was found.

One set of photographs taken during the vehicle examination on 1 May 2002 is enclosed. Eaton Engineering has neither taken nor received custody of eny evidence in this case. Also, Eaton Engineering is holding no physical evidence in this case.

To conclude, based on examination of the 1997 Ford F150 pickup owned by the second it is this engineer's opinion that the fire began from electrical wiring shorts involving the main wiring harness underneath the gower block in the left, rear of the engine compartment. The wiring shorts were caused by damage to the electrical wire insulation in the main feeder harness. The wire insulation developed where the main wiring harness was resting against the edge of a sheet metal, pedestal frame used to mount the electrical power block.

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Very truly yours,

Thomas É. Eaton, PE, ScD Consulting Engineer

Enclosures

INVOICE

EATON ENGINEERING COMPANY
P.O. BOX 100
NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY 40340

PHEMIS: (MIN) \$85-9491

**	*** INVOICE NO. 220501 *****		
	14 June 2002		
SERVICES TO:	STATE FARM INSURANCE CO. P. O. Box 30279 Clarksville, Tennessee 37040		
	Attn: Mr. Bill Fritz		
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A Privileged and Confidential Report AV 16 2002 Prepared For

State Farm Insurance Company c/o Mr. Bill Fritz

Insured

Policy Numbers unknown

Claim Numbers

TechniFire Number 020317-03-D-4393.1-3



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Mr. Bill Fritz State Farm Insurance Co. 2320 Wilma Rudolph Bivd. Clarksville, TN 37040 Imote: [4393.[-3

Federal Tax (D: 62-1771209

Date: 4/11/2002

Service Invoice

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insured: Mike Laptrip

Policy No.: unknown

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Vehicle fire analysis

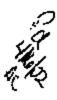
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Our legal name is Techniffer Services Company, LLC.

Our Federal Identification Number is 62-1771209.

Please make checks payable to TechniFire Services Company, LLC.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. If you need additional information regarding this file, or have a question about the report, please contact our office at (423) \$76-1700.



Total

\$712.50

Insured:

Policy Type:

Auto Coverage

Date of Lose:

March 16, 2002

Loss Location:

615 Sherwood Place Madisonville, KY 42431

Risk Information:

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Model:

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Year:

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Notes

The insured reports to State Farm (neuronce Company that the 1997 Ford F-150 pickup had been parted at the garage area a short time prior to the occurrence of the fire. When the fire was discovered, heavy fire involvement was present at the motor compartment area. Neither the Oldsmobile Sühouette van nor the Yamaha motorcycle was involved in the fire's inception. Additionally, it should be noted that no fire was present at the structural components other than that due to heat and flame impingement from the fire at the Ford F-150. The fire department was notified. They responded and extinguished the fire prior to additional involvement.

_ APK 16 2002

File History

Jerry Carter is the assigned investigator representing TechniFire Services Company.

On March 18, 2002, this file was established under the direction of Mr. Bill Fritz who represents State Farm insurance Company in Clarksville, Tennesses.

On March 19, 2002, the loss site and vehicle examinations were conducted.

On March 19, 2002, verbal reports were provided to Mr. Bill Fritz and Mr. Jeremy Moran of State Farm Insurance Company.

During the investigation:

- a. the loss site and vehicles were examined for cause and origin determination;
- b. information was provided by Mr. Bill Fritz of State Farm Insurance Company in Clarksville, Tennessee; and
- information was provided by Mr. Jeremy Moran of State Farm Insurance Company in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Instructions Received:

The following instructions were provided upon receipt of this assignment:

Conduct C&O analysis of scene

Peggons referred to in this report:

Mr. Bill Pritz

Insured
State Farm
Insurance Co.
State Farm
Insurance Co.

Mr. Jeremy Moran

Subrogation potential:

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Risk Information for Claim Humber

Make:

1997

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Ford

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F-150 pickup

VIN:

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Risk Information for Claim Number

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Origin and Fire Spread

The fire began at the left rear quadrant of the motor compartment of the 1997 Ford F-150 pickup, which was located at the west garage bay of the structure. Flame development did result in the ignition and burning of the combustible components within the motor compartment which includes the plastic and rubber assemblies.

The unchecked fire growth did result in the fire's movement throughout the motor compartment where the ignition and burning of the adjacent combustible components ensued. The fire also moved into the passenger compartment area where degradation of the dash assembly and windshield did occur as a result of heat and flame impingement. The damage at the remainder of the passenger compartment was mostly the result of heat and smoke.

Damage to the adjacent structural components of the garage also occurred as a result of heat and flame impingement with the area of heaviest degradation being at the west and north wall.

Damage also occurred to the adjacent Okiamobile Slibouette van and the Yamaha motorcycle, which were located at the garage area. The damage to those vehicles was only the results of heat, smoke and to a lesser degree flame implingement.

The interior living area of the structure did receive some damage as a result of amoke, more especially at the kitchen and dining room/weight room area.

The fire department did respond and extinguish the fire prior to total involvement of the vehicles or structure, but not before significant damage had occurred.

Fire Causation

The fire occurred as a result of an electrical failure of the components and/or wiving conductors located at the left rear quadrant of the motor compartment. The exact mechanism of failure is not known. The opinion as to the fire cause is based on the following:

- Fire flow patterns on the firewall, motor assembly, left front fender, windshield frame and adjacent motor compartment components indicating the fire's development at the left rear quadrant of the motor compartment.
- 2.) Burn and char patterns on the remains of the wiring harness assembly and adjacent electrical components, firswall, motor assembly, remains of the hood, left front fender, windshield frame and the adjacent motor comportment components further indicating the fire's development at the left rear quadrant of the motor compartment at the location of the electrical wiring harness conductors and components.
- Oxidation and demarcation parterns on the firewall, hood remains, windshield frame, motor assembly and the adjacent components located at the driver's side of the motor compartment.
- The climination of other potential causes including the fire's development exterior
 of the vehicle motor compartment area.
- Information provided by the insured to State Farm Insurance Company.

Evidence Obtained During the Vehicle Examination and Scene Analysis

By This Investigator

No evidence was removed from the vehicle or structure.

By Other Investigators/Agents

There were no indications that any evidence had been removed from the loss site prior to my scene and vehicle examination.

INSPECTION SUMMARY

Baterior

The heaviest damage to the exterior of the Ford F-150 pickup occurred adjacent to the motor compartment and includes the bood, front grill assembly, front fenders, windshield frame and to a lesser degree the doors of the passenger compartment as well as the roof assembly. All three and wheels were on the vehicle at the time the fire occurred. The left front tire did ignite and partially hurn during the course of the fire. The doors were closed at the time of the fire and the windows were in the "up" position. The hood was in the "down and latched" position. There was no indication that any exterior component had been removed prior to the fire. In fact, even the fuel cap was found in the filler neck. Additionally, there was no evidence of the fire's development at the vehicle exterior.

Undercarriage

The heaviest damage to the undercarriage occurred beneath the motor compartment and is due to heat and fiame impingement from the fire within the motor compartment area. All components of the undercarriage were found to have been in their appropriate locations at the time the fire occurred. There is no evidence of the fire's development at the undercarriage erea.

Motor Compartment

The motor compartment was heavily degraded by the fire. The area of heaviest degradation was at the left rear quadrant where melting of the aluminum components and burning away of the plastic and rubber components did occur. The hood was down and latched at the inception of the fire. In fact, the aluminum tood did mostly melt away during the course of the fire. The hood was in the "down and latched" position at the time the fire occurred. All components of the motor compartment were found to have been in their appropriate locations at the time of the fire's inception. The damage configuration does demonstrate the fire's development at the left rear quadrant of the motor compartment.

Passenger Compartment

The heaviest damage to the passenger compartment occurred at the dash and adjacent windshield area where heavy melting of the plastic dash material was evident. The remainder of the interior of the passenger compartment was also degraded as a result of heat, smoke and to a leaser degree flame impingement. The doors were closed at the time of the fire and the windows were in the "up" position. The vehicle was not in operation at the time of the fire. All companents of the passenger compartment were found to have been in their appropriate locations at the time the fire occurred. There is no evidence of the fire's development at the passenger compartment.

SYSTEMS

Electrical

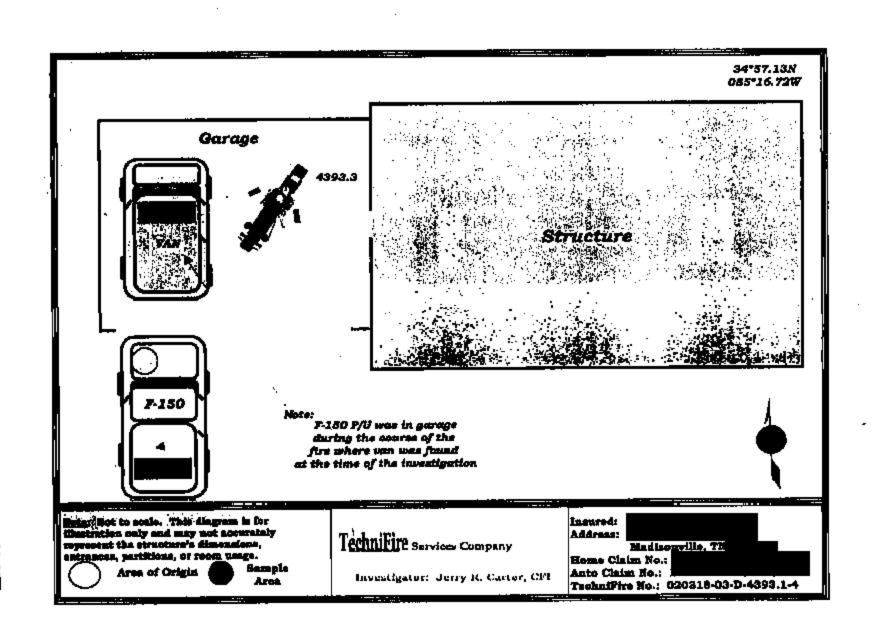
Both the primary and secondary electrical systems were connected when the fire occurred. The battery remains were found in the motor compartment. There was no evidence of overt shorting or arising found which would support a failure of the battery or primary wiring as a cause of the fire. The heaviest damage to the secondary wiring occurred at the left rear quadrant area where evidence of localized overheating and degradation of the wiring harness conductors and adjacent components was evident. The secondary wiring within the passenger compartment was demaged as a result of heat, smoke and to a leaser degree flame impingement. A failure of the electrical wiring conductors and/or components at the left rear quadrant of the motor compartment for unknown reasons is the cause of the fire.

Fuel System

The fuel tank and all rigid and flexible lines were connected when the fire occurred. There were no breaks or deformities found in the rigid lines running from the tank to the motor compartment. The flexible lines within the motor compartment were burned away during the course of the fire. The fuel system components were degraded as a result of heat and flavoe impingement. Although heavily degraded during the course of the fire, there was no overt evidence to indicate a fallure of the vehicle fuel system. In fact, the vehicle was not in operation at the time the fire occurred.

Drive Train

The level of the motor oil could not be determined due to melting and degradation at the filler neck area, however oil was present at the engine sump. The automatic transmission fluid level was within the acceptable range. All of the major drive train components were found in their appropriate locations and externally appeared to be operable. There is no indication that a failure of the drive train caused the fire.



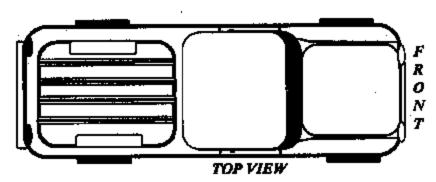
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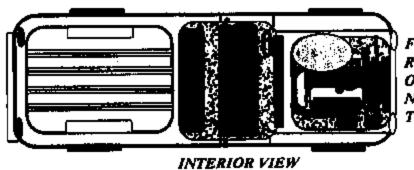
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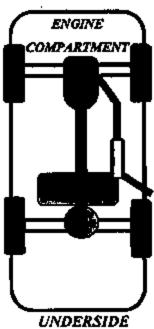
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FRONT



VIEW

Area of Origin

Note: Not to scale, for illustration only.

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Photo Information
1. Front and east side of the structure.[11]



Photo Information
2. Rear and east side of the structure.(13)



Photo Information
3. Rear and west side of the structure. Note that the only area of ventilation of fire is from the garage window.(14)



Photo Information

4. Front and west side of the structure. Again, the burn and that patterns indicate the fire's development within the garage (15)



Photo Information

3. View of the electrical service entrance and meter center [18]



Photo Information

3. The electrical service control panel located at the west wall of the garage. The damage is the result of heat and flame impingement.[19]



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7. The electrical branch circuit wiring conductors located at the west wall area. They were damaged only as a result of heat and flame impingement (20)

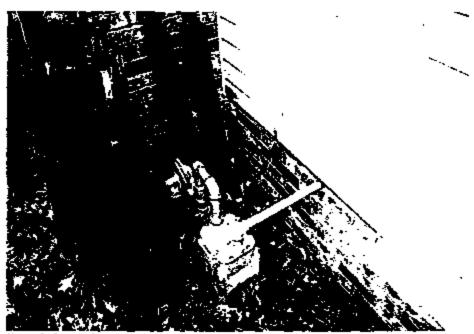


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3. The gas service entrance and meter center (10)



Photo Information

9. Overview of the living room area showing contents (2)

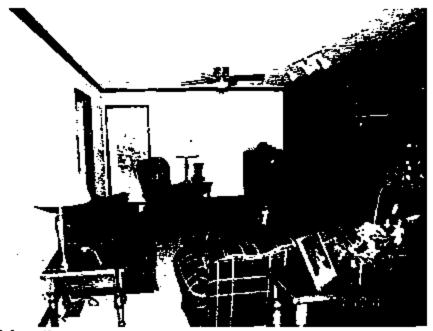


Photo Information
10. Additional view of the living room area again showing contents. Some evidence of smoke damage is present.(3)



Photo Information
11. The breakfast room located at the rear center of the structure.(4)



Photo Information
12. Overview of the kitchen area. There is no evidence of the fire's development at the kitchen.(5)

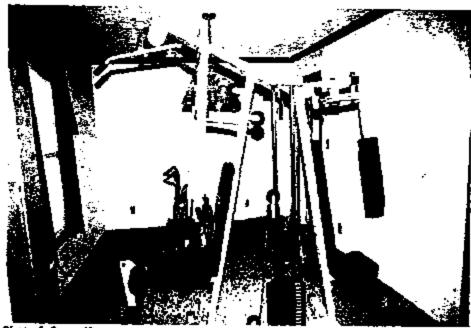


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13. View of the dining room/weight room area showing contents. The fire did not begin at this area [6]



Photo Information 14. Overview of the master bedroom area showing contents. Again damage did occur as a result of smoke.[7]

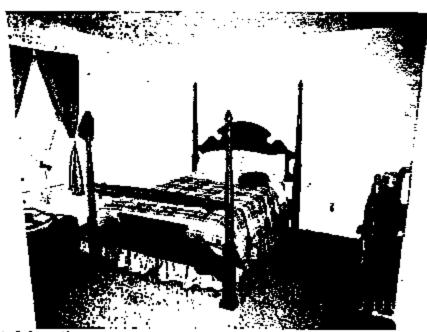


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15. The upstairs from bedroom showing contents.(8)



Photo Information
16. The upstairs rear bedroom showing contents.(9)



Photo Information 17. Overview of the garage. The fire flow, burn and char patterns do indicate the fire's development within the garage. [21]



Photo Information
13. The east side of the garage area showing contents including a Yamaha motorcycle and an Oldsmobile Silhouette van. (22)

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Photo Information. The Oldsmobile 19. The west side of the garage. This is the area of heaviest degradation. The Oldsmobile 31. The west side of the garage at the time the fire occurred. [26]



Photo Information.

20. Additional view of the west side of the garage. This is where the 1997 Ford F-150 was backed at the time of the fire. The burn and char patterns indicate the fire's development at the motor compartment area. [24]

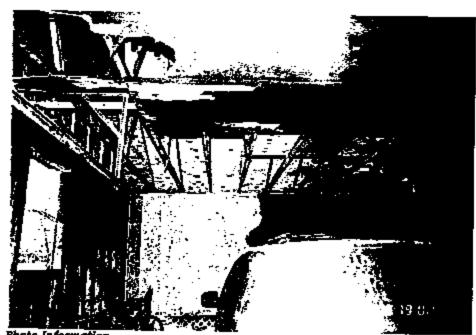


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2!. View of the west wall, north wall and adjacent attle area. There is no evidence of the fire's development within the attle space. Again, the burn and char patterns do indicate the fire's development at the driver's side of the motor compartment [25]



Photo Information
22. View of the Yamaha motorcycle, which was located in the garage between the pickup truck and van. The area of heaviest degradation is at the left side which would have been immediately adjacent to the pickup truck. (28)



Photo Information
23. Additional view of the Yamaha motorcycle. There is no evidence of the fire's development at the motorcycle. (29)



Photo Information
24. Close up view of the front and handlebar area of the motorcycle again showing degradation due only to heat and flame impingement.(31)



Photo Information 25. From and driver's side of the Oldsmobile Silhouette van.[37]



Photo Information
36. Rear and driver's side of the van showing damage as a result of heat and smoke (36)

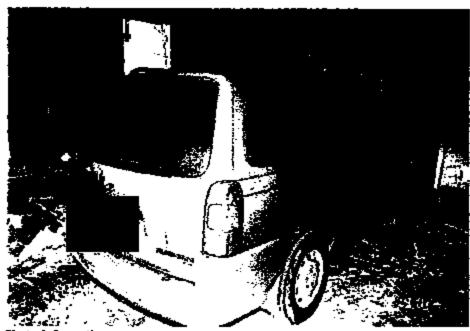


Photo Information 37. Rear and passenger side of the vari. (35)



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23. Front and passenger side of the van. There is no evidence of the fire's development within the van. (34)



Photo Information
29. Front and driver's side of the Ford F-150 pickup. Note that the area of heaviest degradation is at the motor compartment.(7)



Photo Information 30. Rear and driver's side of the vehicle.(9)

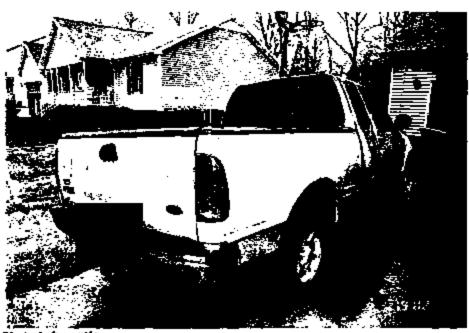


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31. Rear and passenger side of the vehicle.[13]



Photo Information
32. Front and passenger side of the vehicle.(6)

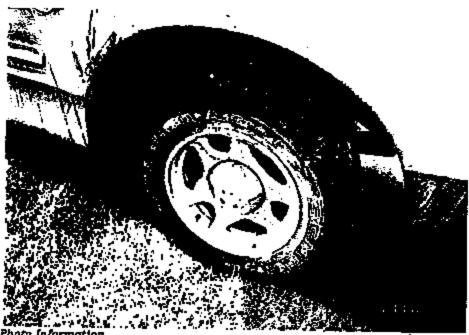


Photo Information
33. View of the left rear tire and wheel abowing tread design and condition (11)



Photo Information
34. The fuel filler neck showing the cap to be in place.[10]



Photo Information
35. Overview of the undercarriage. All components were found to have been in their appropriate locations and there is no evidence of the fire's development at the undercarriage area.(14)

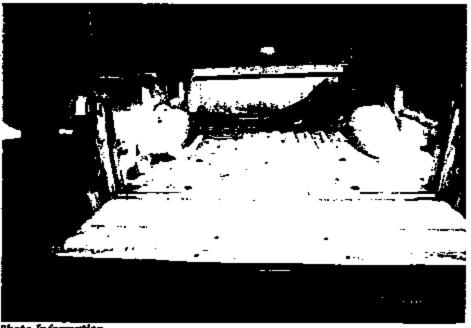


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36. The cargo storage bed area showing no evidence of the fire's development within the bed.(15)

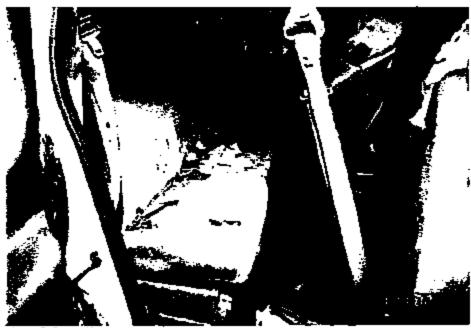


Photo Information 37. The rear scaring area of the passenger compartment showing heavy degradation due to heat and smoke. (19)



Photo Information
38. The front seating area again showing heavy degradation due to heat, smoke and to a lesser degree flame impingement (20)



Photo Information

39. Additional view of the front seating area. There is no evidence of the fire's development within the passenger compartment. (16)



Photo Information

40. The dash. All components were found to have been in their appropriate locations at the time the fire occurred. [21]



Photo Information
41. Additional view of the dash. Again, there is no evidence of the fire's development within the dash. This damage is due to heat and flame impingement from the fire at the motor compartment.(17)



Photo Information
42. Close up view of the steering column area and the center controls at the dash. So key was in the Ignition at the time of the fire and the blower motor was in the "low" setting (2.2)



Photo Information
43. Additional view of the dash showing the controls for the heating system. The blower motor was in the low satting. The thermostat was set at 'high hear' and the control appears to be in the 'floor' position. Again, the vehicle was not in operation at the time the fire occurred. (24A)



Photo Information 44. View of the underside of the dash again showing no evidence of the fire's development within the dash but heat and flame implagement damage from the fire at the motor compartment (26)



Photo Information
15. View of the hood and frunt grill area. The hood was down and latched at the inception of the fire. The area of heaviest degradation is at the left rear quadrant(8)

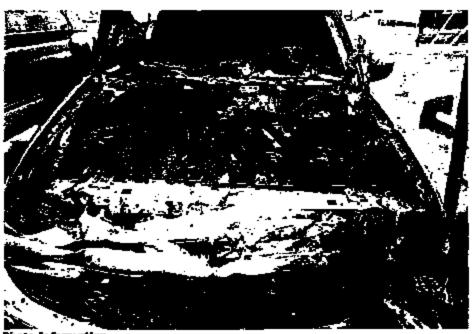


Photo Information

46. Overview of the motor compartment and the adjacent windshield frame following the removal of the aluminum hood components. Again the area of heaviest degradation is at the left rear quadrant (28)