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Case Report - 200308290133

Customer/Caller Summary:

Customer Name/Address:

Caller Phone: Caller Alt. Phone:

Case Summary:

Case Title: Case Type: Contact Method: Cust Attitude: Coding Type: Category: Problem Area: Component: Condition: VIN: Dofu: Current Miles: Incident Miles: Model Year: Model Name: Region: District	Product; Abnormal Condition; Traction Control/VSC- Brakes; Warning Light On General Phone Concerned Complaint Product Abnormal Condition Traction Control/VSC- Brakes Warning Light On 5TDZT38A838 02/21/2003 0 0 2003 Sequoia Denver
District: Dealer 1:	l Right Toyota, 02044
Selling Dealer:	Scott Toyota, 02046

Phoenix, AZ

Case History:

Customer Seeks: to doc concerns, may pursue arb nor adv cust of PA and ARB process. cust sts will think about is and c/b with decision. NEXT REP- Pls take appropriate action based on cust request. CAC Stated:

*** PHONE LOG 08/29/2003 07:29:25 AM esmart

cust sts 2/21/03, cust sts drivers side door handle was sticking, took veh to dlr 2/27 for rpr (6 days after purch). cust sts 4/07 TRAC and VSC light on. cust sts put a seperate grounding wire, resolved concern. cust sts hvac blower motor was making a ticking noise, rplc'd. HVAC light didn't go on. cust sts headliner noisy, making creaking noise. cust sts dlr rplc'd headliner. cust sts VSC and TRAC lights now on again.

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Case Close	08/29/2003 07:29:25	AM esmart	Status = Closed, Resolution Code = Full, State = Open.

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7	IN AND FOR THE	COUNTY OF MARICOPA
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9	NOLAN & JENNIFER CORDON,) Case No.: $CV2004-090449$
10	Plaintiff,) COMPLAINT
11 12	vs.) BREACH OF) STATUTORY WARRANTIES
13	TOYOTA MOTOR SALES USA, INC.,)
13 14 15	Defendant.)))
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This Court has jurisdiction to hear this matter pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §2310(d) and 1. A.R.S. Const. Art. 6 §14,

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Plaintiff, Nolan & Jennifer Cordon ("Consumer"), is an individual who was at all 2. times relevant hereto residing in the State of Arizona.

3. Defendant, Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc. ("Warrantor"), is a foreign corporation authorized to do business in the State of Arizona, County of Maricopa, and is engaged in the manufacture, sale, supply and distribution of motor vehicles and related equipment and services, such as written warranties. Warrantor supplies its products and services to the public at large athrough a system of authorized dealerships, including Scott Toyota ("Dealer").

On or about February 21, 2003, Consumer purchased a 2003 Toyota Sequoia 4. manufactured and supplied by ("Sequoia") Identification No. Warrantor, Vehicle

5TDZT38A83S165499, for \$40,883.26, exclusive of all collateral charges incurred at the time of purchase. See Purchase Order, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

5. In connection with Consumer's purchase of the Sequoia, Warrantor issued and supplied to Consumer its written warranty, which included three (3) year or thirty-six thousand (36,000) mile bumper to bumper coverage, as well as other warranties fully outlined in the Warrantor's New Vehicle Warranty booklet.

6. On or about the aforementioned date, Consumer took possession of the Sequoia and shortly thereafter experienced various defects and non-conformities within the same that diminish its value and/or substantially impair its use and value to Consumer. These defects include, but are not limited to a defective electrical system, defective TRAC and VCS systems, defective interior trim, a defective exterior trim, a defective driver door, a defective air conditioning system, a defective rear axle seal, a defective oil pressure gauge, and, any other complaints actually made, whether contained on Warrantor's invoices or not.

7. Consumer provided Warrantor, through its authorized dealership network, a sufficient opportunity to repair the defects, non-conformities and conditions within the Sequoia.

8. Despite being given more than a reasonable number of attempts/reasonable opportunity to cure said defects, non-conformities and conditions, Warrantor failed to do so.

9. Warrantor's failure to correct said defects violate Warrantor's statutory duty to Consumer and the expectations created by Warrantor's warranty.

10. Consumer avers that as a result of the ineffective repair attempts made by Warrantor through its authorized dealership network, the Sequoia cannot be utilized as intended by Consumer at the time of acquisition and that the use and value of the Sequoia has been diminished and/or substantially impaired to Consumer.

11. Consumer relied on Warrantor's product advertisements, written, verbal, electronic and/or otherwise, regarding the length and duration of Warrantor's bumper to bumper warranty when deciding to purchase the subject vehicle.

12. Consumer provided Warrantor written notification of the defects within the subject vehicle, an offer for a final opportunity to cure, and Consumer's demand for compensation on February 13, 2004. See Notice Letter, attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

13. Warrantor refused Consumer's demand for compensation and has refused to provide Consumer with the remedies to which Consumer is entitled.

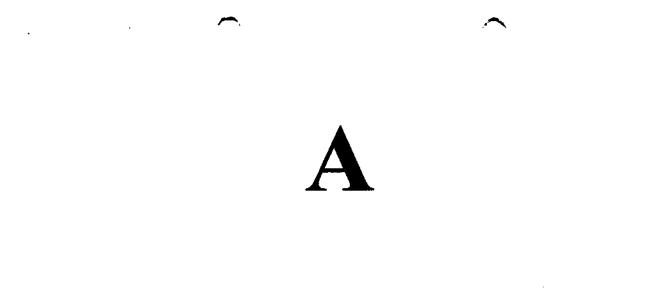
14. Consumer has been and will continue to be financially damaged due to Warrantor's failure to comply with Warrantor's statutory duty to Consumer and the provisions of its written and/or express warranty.

15. Consumer has met all obligations and preconditions as provided in Warrantor's warranty and by statute(s).

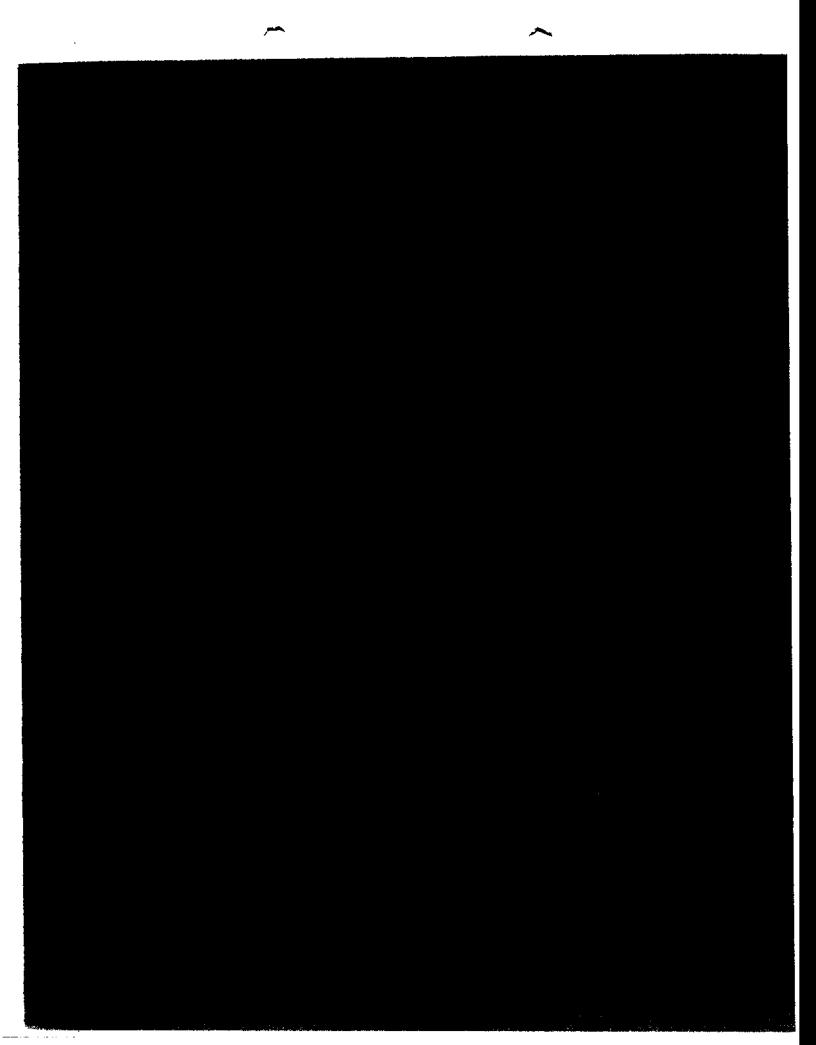
16. As a direct and proximate result of Warrantor's failure to comply with its written warranty, Consumer has suffered damages and, in accordance with 15 U.S.C. §2310(d) and A.R.S. §44-1263, Consumer is entitled to bring suit for such damages and other legal and equitable relief.

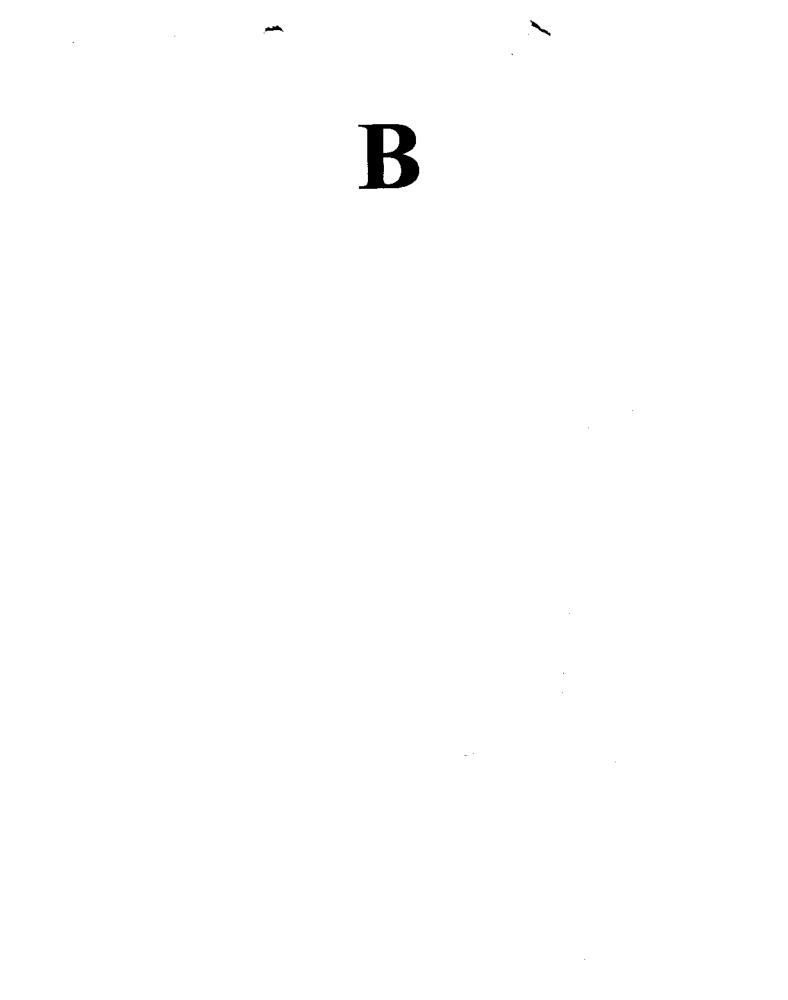
WHEREFORE, Nolan & Jennifer Cordon prays for relief against Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc. in the form of a refund or replacement, an award of diminution in value damages, any equitable relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled, all attorney fees, expert fees and court costs incurred during the commencement and prosecution of this matter, and all other relief deemed just and appropriate by this Court.

Respectfully submitted this 174h day of Fe h 2004. By:_ Marshall Meyers KROHN/& MOSS, LTD. 111 West Monroe St., Suite 1124 Phoenix, AZ 83003 (602)/275-5588 Attorney #020584 Attorney for Plaintiff Complaint - 4



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February 13, 2004

SENT VIA U.S. MAIL

Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc. 19001 South Western Avenue Torrence, CA 90509

Re:	. Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.
Our Client:	Nolan & Jennifer Cordon
Your Client:	Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc.
Vehicle:	2003 Toyota Seguoia
VIN:	5TDZT38A83S
Our File Number:	A04004110Z

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that this office represents the above-named individual regarding claims against your company pursuant to the Federal Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, the Arizona Lemon Law and/or the Uniform Commercial Code with regard to the above-listed vehicle. Please direct all future contacts and correspondence to the office listed above.

HAVING BEEN FORMALLY NOTIFIED OF OUR REPRESENTATIONS, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED NOT TO CONTACT OUR CLIENT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO THIS OFFICE. IF YOU FAIL TO ACT IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF WILL BE SOUGHT AGAINST YOU.

IN ADDITION, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF OUR ATTORNEYS' LIEN.

Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A.,

Inc.

There were numerous non-conformities with my client's automobile for which relief is sought, and numerous attempts to repair the vehicle have been unsuccessful. There were also numerous violations of both Federal and State law in connection with the delivery and/or repair of the aforementioned vehicle. The primary non-conformities and violations include, but are not limited to:

- Defective Electrical System, 1.
- 2. Defective Interior Trim,
- 3. Defective Exterior Trim,
- Defective Driver Door, 4.
- Defective Air Conditioning System, 5.
- Defective Rear Axle Seal, 6.
- Defective Oil Pressure Gauge, and, 7.
- Any additional complaints actually made, whether contained on your company's 8. invoices or otherwise.

The non-conformities listed above constitute a substantial impairment of the use, value and safety of the subject vehicle. Accordingly, my client has had enough! Because of the inordinate amount of repairs within the applicable warranty period, my client has justifiably lost confidence in the vehicle. As one court has stated,

> For a majority of people the purchase of a new car is a major investment, rationalized by the peace of mind that flows from its dependability and safety. Once their faith is shaken, the vehicle loses not only its real value in their eyes, but becomes an instrument whose integrity is substantially impaired and whose operation is fraught with apprehension. Zabriskie Chevrolet, Inc. v. Smith, 240 A.2d 195.

Concerning the amount of grief a person need take with a vehicle, one court expressed the consumer's lament in the following manner:

> There comes a time when enough is enough - when an automobile purchaser, after having to take his car into the shop for repairs an inordinate number of times and experiencing all of the attendant inconvenience, is entitled to say, "That's all," and revoke, notwithstanding the seller's repeated good faith efforts to fix the car. Rester v. Morrow, 491 So.2d 204.

My client's repair history clearly shows there was a breach of written warranty "based upon the generally accepted rule that an unsuccessful effort to remedy defects found to exist renders the warrantor liable; the buyer is not bound to allow him the opportunity or permit him to tinker with the article indefinitely in the hope that it may ultimately be made to comply with the warranty." Kure v. Chevrolet Motor Division, 581 P.2d 603, 608.

Therefore you are hereby notified that my client is revoking acceptance of the vehicle. Please return all funds paid towards the vehicle, cancel all applicable contracts, and compensate my client for the damages sustained to date. This letter also constitutes prior direct written

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notification of the defects within my client's vehicle and of my client's intent to pursue a claim pursuant to A.R.S. \$44-1261 <u>et. seq.</u> If you have "final opportunity rights" under A.R.S. \$44-1264 (C), and wish to exercise said rights, you are hereby directed to contact this office within fourteen (14) days.

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Please be advised that under U.C.C. § 2-711(3) my client has a security interest in the car for return of the total amount above, plus expenses in handling and inspecting the car. Until you pay this amount, my client will hold the car and use it to the extent necessary to preserve it, to protect its security interest, and to minimize your damages. Moreover, my client needs return of the monies listed above before substitute goods can be acquired. In addition, any attempt by you or your agents to repossess the car will be wrongful and will subject you to liability for conversion and for wrongful repossession under U.C.C. §§ 9-503 and 9-507 as well as other applicable Arizona Consumer Fraud remedies.

If the seller [or, if applicable the assignee, or any creditor subject to the FTC Holder Rule] has filed a financing statement covering the goods, I demand, pursuant to U.C.C \$ 9-404, that you file a termination statement within ten days to terminate your security interest and forward a copy to this office. Since my client has revoked acceptance, there is no outstanding secured obligation. If you do not file a termination statement within ten days and cooperate in removing the lien, you will be liable under U.C.C. \$ 9-404(1) in the amount of \$100.00 plus any loss caused my client by your failure.

To avoid any litigation, my client merely requests a refund for the defective product, plus payment of our attorney's fees pursuant to the fee-shifting provisions of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act and/or Arizona Lemon Law. Our attorneys' fees are minimal at this stage and we would prefer to resolve this matter without the need for any more time spent on our part or on the part of your attorneys. A great deal of time, money and effort would be saved by both sides with a quick resolution of this claim.

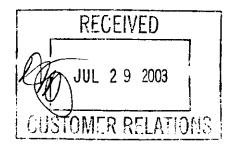
Accordingly, if you wish to resolve this matter amicably, please feel free to contact my office within fourteen (14) days. If the matter has not been resolved within that time, we will file a formal claim.



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JUL 2 8 2003 LAW OFFICES OF HOWARD A. GUTMAN 1259 ROUTE 46 PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054 (973) 257-9400 FAX (973) 257-9128

July 17, 2003



Attention: Legal Department Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. 16 Henderson Drive West Caldwell, New Jersey 07006

> Re: 2003 Toyota Sequoia VIN No. STDBT44AX35 5

Dear Sir/Madam:

I represent Ms. **Sector** who purchased a 2003 Toyota Sequoia from Bob Ciasulli Auto Group. I believe that her passenger vehicle is a lemon under the New Jersey Lemon Law (N.J.S.A. 56:12-29). I am hereby making a written demand for relief under the Lemon Law.

Since Ms. purchased the vehicle, it has been repeatedly out of service for brake malfunctions and out of service over ten calendar days. The problems include but are not limited to brake malfunctions. The defects substantially impair the use, value, and safety of the vehicle.

I am allowing you one final opportunity to repair the vehicle. If these repairs are not completed within ten calendar days of receipt of this letter, my client is entitled to a replacement vehicle acceptable to her or a refund calculated in accordance with the Lemon Law.

Please contact our office to make arrangements. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Howard A. Gutman



Case Report - 200305290807

Middletown, NJ

Customer/Caller Summary:

Customer Name/Address:

Caller Phone: Caller Alt. Phone:

Case Summary:

Case Title: Case Type: Contact Method: Cust Attitude: Coding Type: Category: Problem Area: Component: Condition: VTN: Dofu: Current Miles: Incident Miles: Model Year: Model Name: Region: District: Dealer 1: Selling Dealer: Product; Recurring Condition; ABS- Brakes; Warning Light On General Phone Concerned Complaint Product Recurring Condition ABS- Brakes Warning Light On 5TDBT44AX3S 10/30/02 12000 5000 2003 Sequoia New York Toyota Universe. 29078

Case History:

 Customer Seeks:
 Perm rpr of veh brake condition and concerns about warning lights. Cust sts may proceed w/ lemon law.

 CAC Stated:
 Ncr apol and adv would open pa case to reg. adv either reg or crm would contact cust in 3 business days. adv case#.

29078

*** PHONE LOG 05/29/2003 11:54:13 AM APowe

03 Sequoia-Veh to dlr 4x's for clicking noise in the wheel. Dlr advd nothing wrong. Cust sts a few thousand miles later, brake light, VSC, and trac light came-ON. Veh to dlr, caliper rplcd. Cust sts same lights came ON again. Veh to selling dlrshp, was advd air in the brake line, and dlr rprd the cond. Cust same cond again, Veh to dlr for the 3rd time-5/29/03, dlr advd braking style, as the pads wear and which trips the system. Cust disagree as there may a manuf cond.

*** NOTES 05/29/2003 11:55:45 AM APowe NOTE TO DLR-PLS CONTACT TECH HOTLINE FOR ADDL ASST WITH VEHICLE CONDITION.

Bob Ciasulli Toyota,

*** CASE CLOSE 06/02/03 05:57:20 AM DLR29078 CALLED CA; IFORNIA FOR ASSISTANCE REPAIR.REINO FIT PART BEING DEVELOP NO ETA. CUSTOMER NOTIFIED ABOUT REPAIR.

*** NOTES 07/07/2003 09:43:19 AM MCapps Cust sts veh broke down again while on vacation, cust sts had master cylinder and booster replaced.

*** NOTES 07/07/2003 09:47:18 AM MCapps Cust is calling today because she is extremely dissatisfied that she never got a response from the dlr under the DLR OPEN and then lost brakes when on vacation. Cust sts wants assistance in making sure brakes are safe at this time and if not is considering the persuit of lemon law.

*** NOTES 07/07/2003 09:48:22 AM MCapps Cust also requests not to go to dlr that she purchased from.

*** NOTES 07/07/03 11:22:23 AM ny5 Case dispatched to FTS MMarsnick and cc DSPMs L. Gregory and B. Lyons

*** CASE CLOSE 08/12/03 06:49:45 AM ny4 FTS Tom Senneca inspected the vehicle on 8/6/2003. The customer's concern is the brakes squeak at times. I road tested the vehicle with the customer and performed a brake inspection. The vehicle is operating properly and there was no abnormal brake noise evident. The customer was advised and I also advise Larry

Lavigne.

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JAMIE GAMBALE

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v. BOB CIASULLI AUTO GROUP AND TOYOTA MOTORS OF AMERICA, INC.

Defendant-Respondent

CIIVILACTION ANSWER

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION PASSAIC COUNTY DOCKET NO: DC-16037

Toyota Motors Sales, USA, Inc. improperly named herein as Toyota Motors of America,

Inc. by way of answer to the complaint says:

COUNT ONE

1. This paragraph makes no allegations against this defendant.

2. This paragraph makes no allegations against this defendant.

3. This defendant does not have sufficient information to respond to portions of this paragraph. This party denies that it breached any warranties. Additionally, a 2003 Toyota Sequoia would not be manufactured by Mazda Motors of America, Inc.

4. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

5. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

COUNT TWO

6. This defendant repeats its responses to paragraphs 1-6 above as if each were pleaded herein at length.

7. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

8. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

COUNT THREE

9. a) This defendant repeats its responses to paragraphs 1-8 above as if each were pleaded herein at length.

9. b) This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

COUNT FOUR

10. This defendant repeats its response to paragraphs 1-9 above as if each were pleaded herein at length.

11. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

COUNT FIVE

12. This defendant repeats its responses to paragraphs 1-11 above as if each were pleaded herein at length.

13. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

COUNT SIX

14. This defendant repeats its responses to paragraphs 1-13 as if each was pleaded herein at length.

15. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

COUNT SEVEN

16. This defendant repeats its responses to paragraphs 1016 as if each was pleaded herein at length.

17. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

18. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

19. This defendant denies the allegations of this paragraph.

WHEREFORE This defendant demands that Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed in its

entirety.

SEPARATE DEFENSES

- 1. All or part of Plaintiff's claim is barred by Plaintiff's comparative negligence.
- 2. The complaint fails to state a cause of action for which relief may be granted.
- 3. The damages alleged in the Plaintiff's Complaint are due to the negligence or other acts of others over whom Toyota had no control.
- 4. The vehicle identified in the complaint was not in the same condition as it was when it left Toyota's control.
- 5. Supervening and intervening acts and events including accidents void any and all warranties provided by Toyota.

- 6. The Court lacks jurisdiction in this matter because the Complaint was not served according to Court rules and/or statutes in the State of New Jersey.
- 7. Toyota states the subject motor vehicle was not defective and further states that said motor vehicle was designed and manufactured in full compliance with governmental requirements and industry standards.
- 8. There was sufficient, intervening and superseding negligence involved thus precluding Plaintiff from making any recovery.
- 9. The motor vehicle which is the subject of this lawsuit was unforeseeably misused, abused, the subject of improper and/or failure of proper maintenance and/or repair, and/or substantially modified by others not under the control of Toyota thus precluding Plaintiff from making any recovery against Toyota.
- 10. Toyota states that the motor vehicle in question was not in the same condition at the time Plaintiff purchased it, as it was when it left the possession, custody and control of Toyota.
- 11. The Plaintiff failed to give reasonable notice to Toyota and failed to give Toyota a reasonable opportunity to cure any alleged defect.
- 12. The damages complained of were caused by unauthorized, unintended or improper use and abuse of the motor vehicle and as a result of the failure to exercise reasonable and ordinary care, caution and vigilance.
- 13. Toyota denies it breached any duty of any kind it may have owed to any other party in this action.
- 14. Toyota denies any breach of warranty, either express or implied, with respect to the motor vehicle sold.

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R.4:5-2

1. The matter in controversy is the subject of a pending action or arbitration as follows:

None known.

2. Contemplation of another action or arbitration proceeding is contemplated as follows:

None known.

3. The following parties listed should be joined in this action: None known.

4. I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the above statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

LAWRENCE N. LAVIGNE

Dated: December 22, 2003

- 15. The Complaint herein fails to state a cause of action upon which relief can be granted and Toyota reserves the right to move at or before the time of trial to dismiss same.
- 16. Plaintiff has failed to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 55:12-29 et seq and hence is not entitled to relief.
- 17. Plaintiff's complaint is barred by the doctrine of laches.
- 18. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of waiver.

DEMAND FOR STATEMENT OF DAMAGES

Pursuant to R. 4:5-2 Plaintiff is hereby requested to submit, within 5 days after service upon her, a statement of the amount of damages claimed by her in each count of the Complaint in the above entitled action.

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to R. 4:25-4, Lawrence N. Lavigne, Esq. is

hereby designated as trial counsel in the within captioned matter.

NORRIS, MCLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A. Attorneys for Third-Party Defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR SALES USA, INC.

B awrence N. Lavigne, Eso

Dated: December 22, 2003

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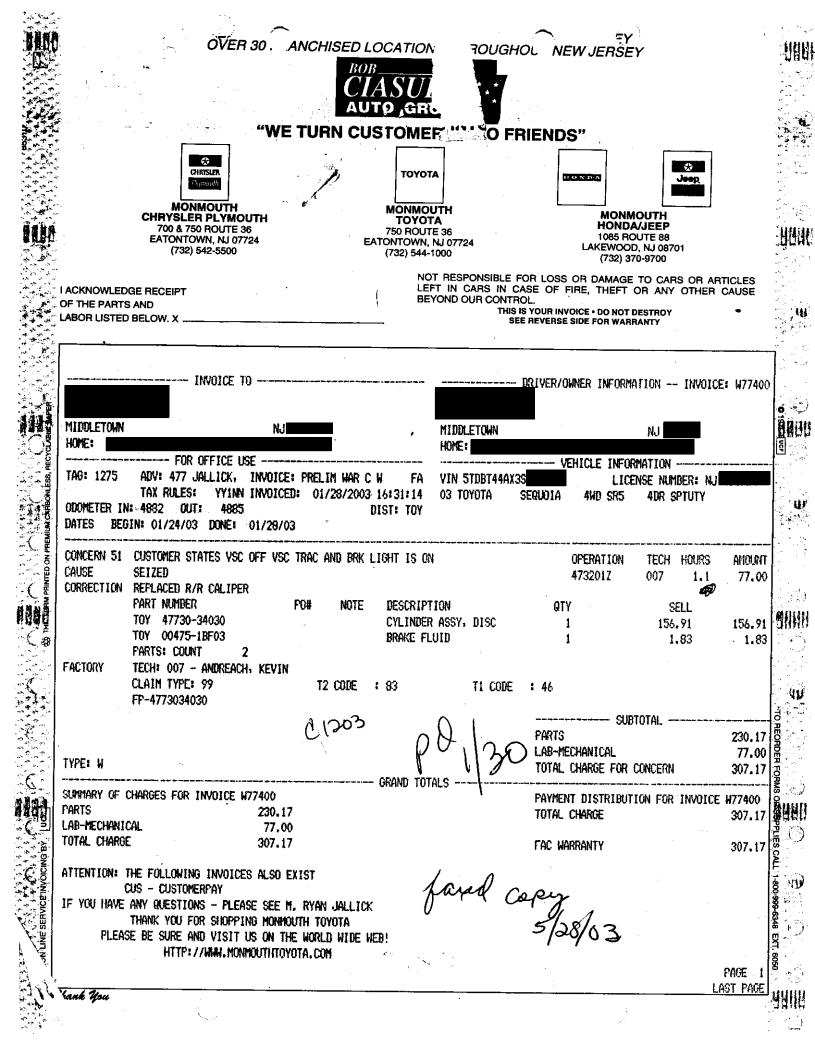
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MERRICK J. MOUTON and DIANNA P. MOUTON	:	27 [™] JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
VERSUS	:	DOCKET NO.: 03-C-4249-B
COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC. and TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.	:	ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA

PETITION FOR REDHIBITION AND DAMAGES

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, comes petitioners, MERRICK J.

MOUTON and DIANNA P. MOUTON, residents of the lawful age of majority domiciled in

Lafayette Parish, State of Louisiana, who now petitions this Honorable Court as follows:

1.

Made defendants herein are the following persons and/or entities who are justly and

truly indebted onto Petitioners, jointly and in solido, in a full and true sum as is reasonable in

the premises, together with legal interest therein from the date of judicial demand until paid,

and for all other just and equitable relief to which petitioners may be entitled:

- (A) COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC., a business corporation doing business in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, who may be served through its Registered Agent for Service Aaron B. Courvelle, Jr., 1826 Edwards St., Opelousas, LA 70570; and
- (B) TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC., a foreign corporation doing business in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, who may be served through its Registered Agent for Service of Process, CSC of St. Tammany Parish, Inc., 225 St. Ann Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471

2.

On or about September 30, 2002, petitioners, MERRICK J. MOUTON and DIANNA

P. MOUTON, entered into a Motor Vehicle Purchase Contract with defendant, COURVELLE

TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC., for the purchase of a 2003 Toyota Sequoia, Vehicle

Identification Number 5TDZT34A43S142033 (hereinafter referred to as the "vehicle"). The

purchase price was approximately \$37,588.00. Petitioners traded in their former vehicle and

were given a credit of \$6,000.00.

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The purchase of the vehicle was accompanied by express warranties offered by defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC., and extending to Petitioners. These warranties were part of the basis of the bargain of Petitioners' contract for purchase of the vehicle.

4.

The basic warranty covered any repairs or replacements needed during the warranty period due to defects in factory materials or workmanship. Any required adjustsments would also be made during the basic coverage period. All warranty repairs and adjustments, including parts and labor, were to be made at no charge. Additional warranties were set forth in the warranty booklet and the vehicle's Owners Manual.

5.

In fact, when delivered, the vehicle was defective in materials and workmanship, such defects being discovered within the warranty periods. Within a short time after the purchase, Petitioners begin experiencing defective conditions with the vehicle. Certain defective conditions have occurred since purchase of the vehicle, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Vehicle spin and traction control (stabilization);
- (b) Electrical problems; and
- (c) Other defects to be proven at trial.

6.

Since the purchase of the vehicle, Petitioners have returned the vehicle to defendant, COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC., for repairs on numerous occasions. Despite this prolonged period during which defendants were given the opportunity to repair the vehicle, the more significant and dangerous conditions were not repaired. Defendants failed to repair the vehicle so as to bring it into conformity with the warranties as is set forth hereinabove.

7.

The defects experienced by Petitioners with the vehicle substantially impaired its use, value, and safety. Despite Petitioners' repeated efforts to allow defendants the opportunity to repair the vehicle, many nonconforming and defective conditions were never repaired. From the date of its purchase, the vehicle continues to this day to have some or all of the nonconformities described in Paragraph 5 above.

8.

Petitioners directly notified defendant, COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC., of the defective conditions of the vehicle on numerous occasions. Petitioners believe and, upon information and belief avers, that the defendant COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC. notified TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC. through a Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. representative. Defendants have failed and refused to buy back Petitioners' defective vehicle in accordance with Louisiana Law.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE LOUISIANA REDHIBITION LAWS)

9.

Petitioners re-allege and incorporate by reference herein each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 2 through 8.

10.

The vehicle comes within a definition of "thing" as defined in Louisiana Civil Code Articles 2520, et. seq.

11.

Defendant, TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC., is a "manufacturer" as defined in Louisiana Civil Code Articles 2520, *et seq*.

12.

Defendant, COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC., is a "seller" as defined in Louisiana Civil Code Articles 2520, *et. seq.*

13.

Petitioners are "buyers" as defined in Louisiana Civil Code Articles 2520. et. seq.

14.

The defects hereinabove described rendered the vehicle unmerchantable and unfit for the ordinary purposes for which it was to be used and meets the definition of a "redhibitory defect" as defined in Louisiana Civil Code Articles 2520, *et. seq.*

15.

From the time of its purchase and at all times thereafter, the vehicle failed to comply

with the express and implied warranties given by defendants in that the vehicle exhibited defects in materials and/or workmanship which substantially impaired its use, value, and safety. Defendants were adequately notified of these defects and given more than a reasonable number of opportunities and length of time to remedy these defects.

16.

The acts of defendants and each of them in refusing or failing to repair Petitioners' vehicle, so as to bring it into conformity with the express and implied warranties as more fully described hereinabove, deprive Petitioners of their rights guaranteed them under the express and implied warranties offered by defendants, and all of their rights guaranteed them under the provisions of the Louisiana redhibition laws. Defendants failed to repair Petitioners' defective vehicle within a reasonable time after learning that such vehicle was defective and did not conform to the express and implied warranties offered by the defendants. Moreover, despite numerous repair attempts which proved unsuccessful, defendants refused to reimburse Petitioners' purchase money.

17.

Petitioners have provided to defendants sufficient opportunity to repair the defective vehicle and have requested that the vehicle be replaced or their purchase money be reimbursed. Defendants have refused this demand and continue to refuse to replace the vehicle or reimburse Petitioners for their damages.

18.

Petitioners have performed each and every duty required of them under the terms of the warranty agreement and under the provisions of the Louisiana redhibition laws, except as may have been excused or prevented by the conduct of the defendants, as herein alleged. The vehicle has been defective since its delivery to Petitioners, and continues to be defective. The defective condition of the vehicle substantially impairs its use, value, and safety. Defendants refusal to repair, reimburse, replace or otherwise comply with the provisions of the Louisiana redhibition laws is willful, unreasonable, in bad faith, and otherwise in contravention of the Louisiana redhibition laws.

19.

As a direct and approximate result of defendants' willful violation of their obligations

under the Louisiana redhibition laws, Petitioners have suffered actual, consequential, and incidental damages, including, but not limited to money expended on the purchase of the vehicle, damages associated with the inconvenience associated with suffered as result of the complete failure of the vehicle to operate properly, the loss of use of the vehicle during weeks it has been in the garage for repairs, the costs of repairs related to these defects, loss of wages, and attorney's fees Petitioners have incurred and will continue to incur in order to protect their rights in this matter. Attorney's fees, loss of use, interests, and other damages continue to accrue.

20.

Under Louisiana Civil Code Articles 2520, *et. seq.*, Petitioners are entitled to recover a sum equal to the aggregate amount of costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, if Petitioners prevail in whole or in part. As a proximate result of the defendants' misconduct as alleged herein and in an effort to protect their rights and to enforce the terms of the agreement as more particularly set forth hereinabove, it has been necessary for Petitioners to employ the legal services of Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier & McElligott. Petitioners have incurred and continue to incur legal fees, costs, and expenses in connection therewith.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (VIOLATION OF THE MAGNUSON-MOSS WARRANTY ACT)

21.

Petitioners re-allege and incorporate by reference as fully set forth herein each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 20, inclusive.

22.

Petitioners are "consumers" as defined in the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act (hereinafter referred to as "Warranty Act"), 15 U.S.C. Section 2301 (3).

23.

Defendants, TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC. and COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC., are "suppliers" and "warrantors" as defined in the Warranty Act 15 U.S.C. Section 2301 (4) and (5).

24.

The vehicle hereinabove described is a "consumer product" as defined in the Warranty Act 15 U.S.C. Section 2301 (1).

The express warranties more fully described hereinabove pertain to the vehicle is a "written warranty" as defined in the Warranty Act 15 U.S.C. 2301 (6).

26.

The actions of the defendants and each of them as hereinabove described, in failing to tender the vehicle to Petitioners free of defects and refusing to repair or replace the defective vehicle tendered to Petitioners constitutes a breach of the written and applied warranties covering the vehicle and it's a violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.

27.

Petitioners have performed all things agreed to and required of them under the Purchase Agreement and warranty except as may been excused or prevented by the conduct of the defendants as herein alleged.

28.

Pursuant to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 2310 (d)(2), Petitioners are entitled to recover as part of the judgment, costs and expenses of the suit including attorney's fees based on the actual time expended. As a proximate result of the misconduct of defendants as alleged herein, and in an effort to protect their rights and to enforce the terms of the agreement as more particularly set forth hereinabove, it has become necessary for Petitioners to employ the legal services of Davidson, Meaux, Sonnier & McElligott. Petitioners have incurred and will continue to incur legal fees, costs, and expenses in connection therewith.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (NEGLIGENT REPAIR)

29.

Petitioners re-allege and incorporate herein by reference each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 though 28, inclusive. For purposes of this cause of action, the word "defendants" refers to TOYOTA MOTORS SALES, U.S.A., INC. and COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC.

30.

On numerous occasions between September 30, 2002 and the present, Petitioners delivered the vehicle to COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC. for repairs of the

defective conditions discovered under the express and implied warranty set forth hereinabove.

31.

On each occasion that Petitioners returned the vehicle for repairs, Petitioners are informed and believe and therefore, allege, that defendant, COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE, INC., attempted to repair the vehicle pursuant to its obligations under the express and implied warranties under the Louisiana redhibition and warranty laws. Defendant owed a duty of care to Petitioners to perform repairs on the vehicle in a good and workman like manner within a reasonable time. Defendant breached this duty.

32.

Defendant attempted repairs of Petitioners' vehicle were done so negligently, and carelessly, as to substantially impair the vehicle's use, value, and safety in its operation and use. At no repair attempt was Petitioners' vehicle fully and completely repaired by defendant, nor were many of the conditions of which Petitioners complained fixed or significantly improved by defendant's attempts at repair. Nonetheless, each time Petitioners picked up the vehicle after defendant's attempts of repair, defendant represented to Petitioners that the repairs were complete and Petitioners relied thereon.

33.

As a direct and proximate result of defendant's failure to repair the vehicle within a reasonable time or within a reasonable number of attempts, Petitioners were forced to drive a defective and dangerous vehicle in conducting their daily activities. As a further direct and proximate result of defendant's failure to repair the vehicle in a timely and workman like fashion, Petitioners were forced repeatedly to take the vehicle in for further repair attempts and to leave the vehicle for long periods of time at great inconvenience to them, and Petitioners sustained actual damages.

34.

The damages Petitioners have suffered are a direct and proximate result of defendants' negligence, including, but are not limited to the costs of repair, expenses associated with returning the vehicle for repeated repair attempts to defendants, loss of wages, and loss of use and damages.

WHEREFORE, petitioners, MERRICK J. MOUTON and DIANNA P. MOUTON, pray

that after the lapse of all legal delays and due proceedings are had, that there be judgment

rendered herein in favor of petitioners, MERRICK J. MOUTON and DIANNA P. MOUTON, and

against defendants COURVELLE TOYOTA SALES & SERVICE INC. and TOYOTA MOTOR

SALES, U.S.A., INC., all jointly, severally, and *in solido* for the following:

- (a) Refunding the purchase price of the 2003 Toyota Sequoia, including all collateral cost at the time of the sale, any and all finance charges, damages together with applicable penalties and attorney's fees allowed by law, and with legal interest upon the entire sums of awarded on the date of judicial demand until paid and for all costs of these proceedings;
- (b) A judgment herein in favor of Petitioners and against the Defendants, all jointly and *in solido*, for all damages and expenses sustained by Petitioners together with the applicable penalties and attorney's fees allowed by law, and with legal interest upon the entire sums awarded from the date of judicial demand until paid and for all costs of these proceedings;
- (c) For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

AND FOR ALL GENERAL AND EQUITABLE RELIEF, ETC.

Respectfully submitted:

DAVIDSON, MEAUX, SONNIER & McELLIGOTT

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TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC., through its Registered Agent for Service of Process, CSC of St. Tammany Parish, Inc., 225 St. Ann Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471

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REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF TRIAL DATE

TO THE CLERK OF COURT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, LOUISIANA:

Please take notice that DAVIDSON, MEAUX, SONNIER, & McELLIGOTT, attorneys for plaintiff, do hereby request written notice of the date of trial of the above matter, as well as notice of hearings (whether on merits or otherwise), orders, judgments and interlocutory decrees, and any and all formal steps taken by the parties herein, the Judge or any member of Court, as provided in Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure of 1960, particularly Articles 1572, 1913, and 1914.

Respectfully submitted,

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RECEIVER DCT 3 1 2003 N.C.D.S

October 30, 2003

Barbara Willingham National Center for Dispute Settlement 2777 Stemmons Freeway Suite 1452 Dallas, TX 75207

RE: Case 6003224

Dear Barbara,

This letter is a follow up to your correspondence dated October 20, 2003. Your letter requested any additional documents be forward to you. Therefore, please accept the following.

Enclosed is a letter from the provide the presence of the following, that confirms that the following, employed part time for only 3 days each week. During these 3 days the vehicle is used to go to the office and other appointments. Since the vehicle is used 3 days, 8-5 each day, the maximum week is 168 hours. Therefore, the maximum time the vehicle can be utilized for business purposes is 1.6% (27/168). Also enclosed is a copy of the title that shows the vehicle is owned by vehicle that is primarily used for personal use.

I would also like to highlight that the service manager, Wade Ray stated to me on a few occasions that the Traction Control (T.C.) and Vehicle Skid Control (V.S.C.) are designed to fail. If there is a problem with a component the T.C. system and V.S.C. will shut completely off and

One of the reasons I purchased this vehicle is because of the safety features of the T.C. and V.S.C. systems. Louisiana is known for a high amount of yearly rainfall and the low quality of roads. Also there is the well-documented concern about SUV's and the high instance of rollovers. The T.C. and V.S.C. safety features were important to us as my wife and 2 children would primarily be in the vehicle. Now I am told that these safety features are designed to fail. I cannot accept that my wife and children must assume the liability of operating the vehicle with continual failure of the T.C. and V.S.C. systems.

Wade Ray also told me that one of the reasons that the T.C. and V.S.C. systems failed is because the gas cap was not on tight. Furthermore, I was told that this was in the operator's manual. There were 5 instances when these safety features failed. Every time the following indicator lights came on, Check Engine, Traction Off and V.S.C. Trac. Reference the attached

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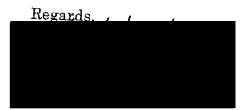
copy of page 34 of the Sequoia Owner's manual. It does say the malfunction indicator lamp (check engine) comes on but does not say that the T.C. and V.S.C. warning lights would. Also stated in the manual is the indicator lamp goes off after driving several times. Not once on the 5 separate failures did any of the three indicator lights ever go off before the vehicle was brought in. (Note: In the first instance the car was not driven to the dealership, but a service tech came to Lafayette to ropair). I do not believe these failures can be considered normal but must be acknowledged as non-conforming failures.

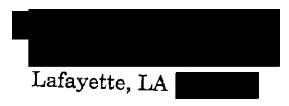
For additional evidence of my frustration and attempts to resolve this issue please reference the copy of my letter to A.B. Courvelle dated September 9, 2003. In the letter I discuss my concerns over this liability and even offered to trade-in my vehicle and pay \$3,000 for a different Sequoia. I requested a written response, but to date I have not received any. I cannot believe that Toyota Motor Corp. and its dealership accepted the exposure of liability by not replacing this obviously defective vehicle.

There is an additional problem with chronic "creaking" in the dash. This problem is intermittent and comes and goes. However, the pattern is that the noise is more prevalent in cooler temperatures such as early mornings or when raining. This problem was serviced in conjunction with the T.C. and V.S.C. failures on July 10, 2003.

On October 13th and 27th, called Courvelle's Service Department and asked to make an appointment. She was told they were busy, had no rental car available and they could not get to it until Thursday. On Wednesday, October 29th she drove to the dealership but Wade Ray refused to take the car in for service, as the problem could not be duplicated. While a rattle in the dash is irritating and annoying, it does not approach the level of seriousness as the already mentioned failures of the safety features. I only bring it up because of your request for information and it's probability of being discussed in the future.

I have assumed that you have all my previously sent material. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at , ext 312.





September 9, 2003

A. B. Courvelle Courvelle Toyota 706 N. Main Opelousas, LA 70570

Mr. Courvelle,

This letter is in regards to the significant problems with my Toyota Sequoia. As discussed, my wife and I no longer have any confidence in the reliability and safety of this vehicle. I am highly concerned with the liability of placing my family in a vehicle which experiences continual failure of the Traction Control and Vehicle Stability Control systems.

On Friday, September 12, 2003, I spoke with you on the phone and offered to trade this vehicle along with \$3,000.00 for a 2004 similarly equipped Toyota Sequoia. Since that date, as a follow up I have spoken with you, Wade Ray (Service Manager) and your Sales Manager. However, I still do not have a response to this offer. Once again I ask you to consider my offer to get my family out of this vehicle. If I do not receive a written response by 10:00 am Sept 24, 2003, I will assume that you and Toyota do not desire to resolve this situation amicably.

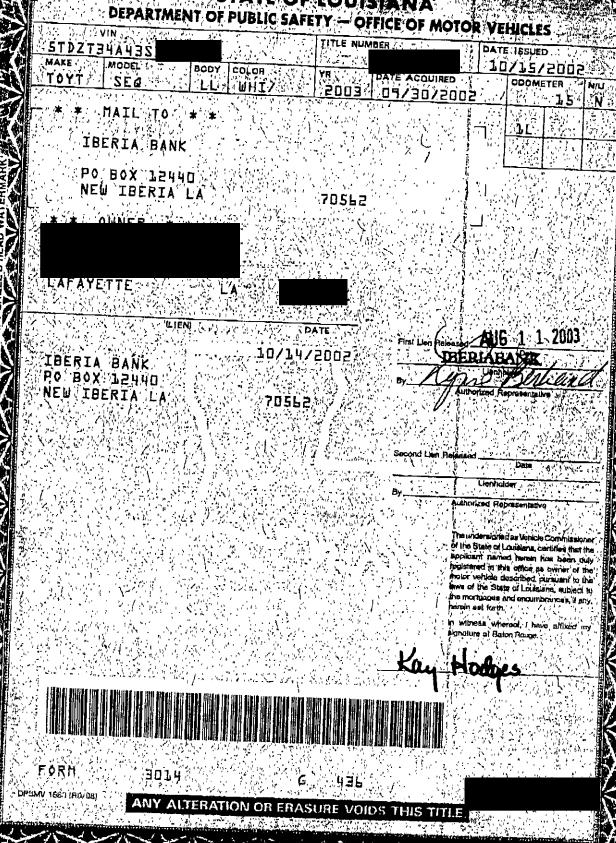
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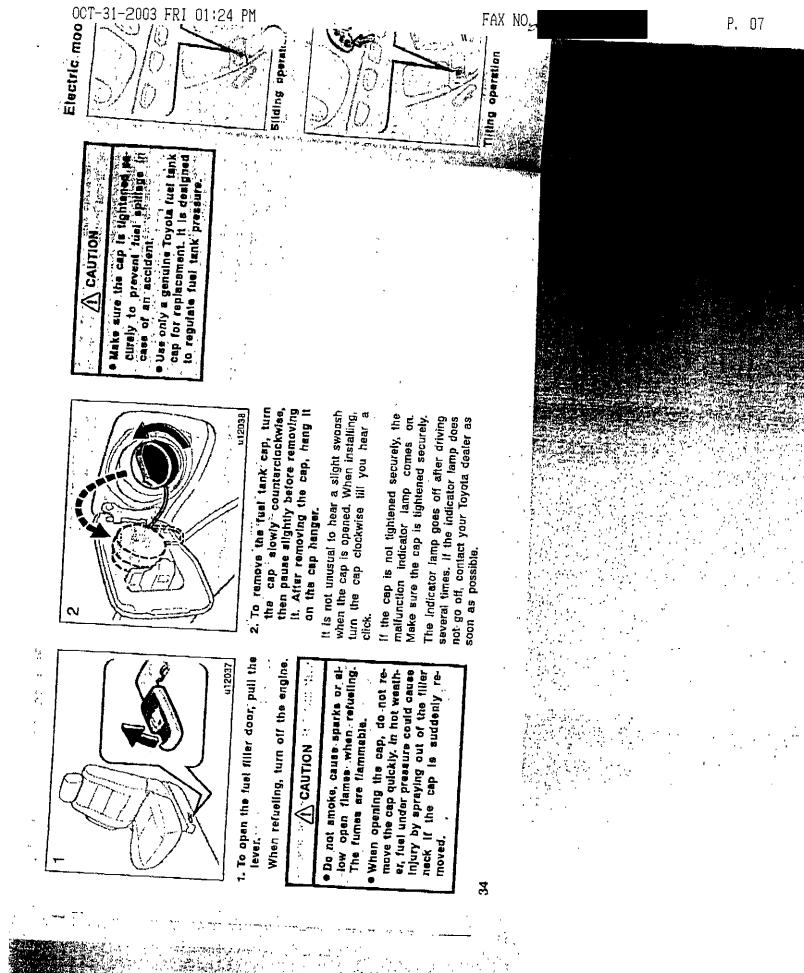
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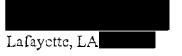


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National Center for Dispute Settlement 2777 Stemmons Freeway • Suite 1452 Dallas, Texas 75207 (214) 638-2700 Fax: (214) 638-4054

October 6, 2003



RE: CASE: # 6003224

Dear Mr.

Your request for arbitration within the Toyota Dispute Settlement Program has been received. Your application for arbitration states that your vehicle is used for business purposes 60% of the time. The arbitration process does not have jurisdiction on service issues related to vehicles that are used for business purposes. Therefore, your claim is not eligible for the arbitration process.

Although we are unable to assist you with this matter, we are pleased that you took the time to explore this situation with us.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Willingham Case Administrator

cc: Gulf States Toyota Distributors, Inc.

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National Center for Dispute Settlement 2777 Stemmons Freeway • Suite 1452 Dallas, Texas 75207

October 20, 2003

Lafayette, LA

RE: CASE # 6003224

Dear Mr.

We have received your letter dated October 16, 2003, in which you state that you would like to appeal the eligibility of the above referenced case. We will forward the information to the Three-Person Panel for their review at their next Board hearing, which is scheduled for November 4, 2003.

By a copy of this letter, we will notify the Manufacturer of your appeal and will request any additional documentation be forwarded to the National Center for Dispute Settlement (NCDS) by November 3, 2003, in order to be considered when determining eligibility.

Sincercly,

Barbara Willingham Case Administrator

cc: Gulf States Toyota Distributors, Inc.

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October 31, 2003

Lafayette, LA

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RE: CASE #6003224

Dear Mr.

We received your information on October 31, 2003. Please be advised we will make this a part of the file, as well as forward copies to the Manufacturer and the Board.

Sincerely,

Barbara Willingham Case Administrator

cc: Gulf States Toyota Distributors, Inc. Board Members

Lafayette, LA

September 9, 2003

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Barbara Willingham, Case Administrator National Cantor for Dispute Settlement 277 Stemmons Freeway Suite 1452 Dallas, TX 75207

RE: Case # 6003224

Dear Mrs. Willingham,

Lam in receipt of your letter dated October 6, 2003 denying my right to arbitration. After I submitted the information to NCDS I received a call from someone (I do not remember her name) at NCDS to clarify the business use. During that conversation 1 explained that I estimated the 60% based on mileage and NOT time utilized.

Your letter stated that arbitration does not have jurisdiction because "your vehicle is used for business purposes 60% of the time." However this is not the case. My wife operates this vehicle and she works part time. Her work schedule is not more than 3 days per week. Utilizing a time basis the vehicle is use 3 out of 7 days or 43% of the time. I must also point out that your application does not specifically ask for time used.

Therefore, I am requesting that my application be reconsidered with the correct understanding that the vehicle is used for business purposes only 43% of the time. If arbitration does not have jurisdiction on vehicles with any business use, please provide a written response.

If you have any question please contact me at

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National Center for Dispute Settlement

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November 7, 2003

Lafayette, LA

RE: Case # 6003224

Dear Mr.

The Three-Member Arbitration Board met on November 4, 2003, to consider your appeal for the eligibility of your case in the Dispute Settlement Program, as administered by the National Center for Dispute Settlement (NCDS).

By direction of that Three-Member Panel, we are enclosing their decision.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Willingham Case Administrator

Enclosures: as noted

cc: Gulf States Toyota Distributors, Inc.

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In the matter of Arbitration Between

Mr. Merrick J. Mouton
 ("Customer(s)")
 and

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. ("Toyota")

DECISION Case #6003224

A Three Person Panel consisting of Ed Hester, Linda Kreder and Richard Bee, was appointed to hear and determine disputes, which had arisen between the Customer(s), Mr. Merrick J. Mouton and Toyota.

By a letter dated October 20, 2003, the Panel advised the parties that a hearing to determine eligibility would be conducted on November 4, 2003.

The complaint(s) existing between the parties were set forth on a "Customer Claim Form" received by NCDS on October 6, 2003, and may be summarized as follows:

The Customer stated that there are concerns with the vehicle stabilization and traction control.

The Customer requests that the Board review the eligibility of the vehicle to participate in the Arbitration process. After reviewing the complaint(s) and hearing the proofs and arguments of the parties and taking into consideration the applicable manufacturer's new vehicle warranty and the applicable warranty law including the applicable State Statute commonly referred to as the "Lemon Law," and after due deliberations, We find and Award as follows:

DECISION:

Eligibility Review: ,

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We have reached this conclusion because the Customer failed to provide compelling evidence that less than 50% of the mileage put on the vehicle is for business purposes.

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This constitutes our complete DECISION as to all the complaint(s) submitted to us for determination.

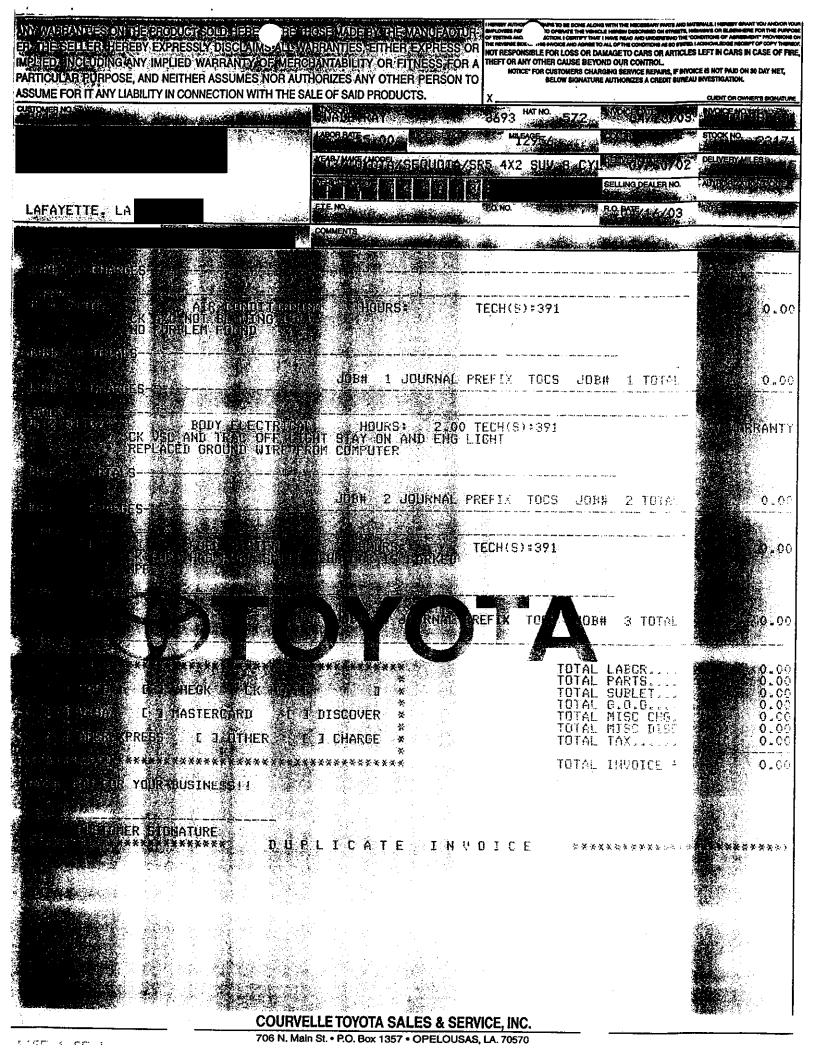
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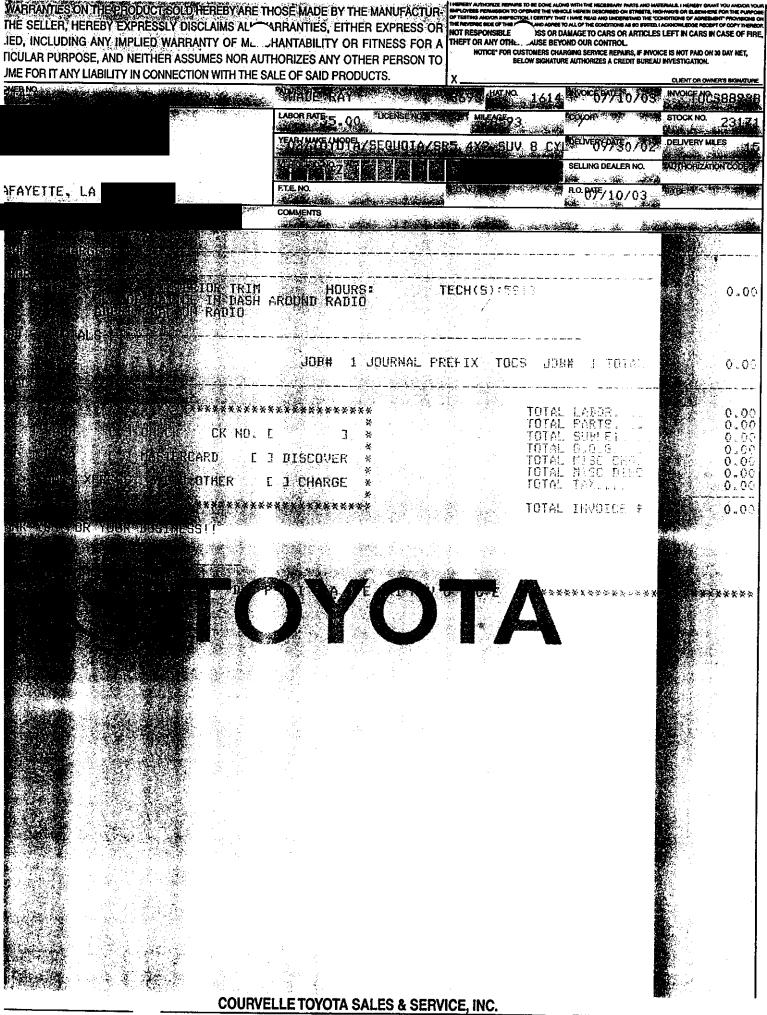
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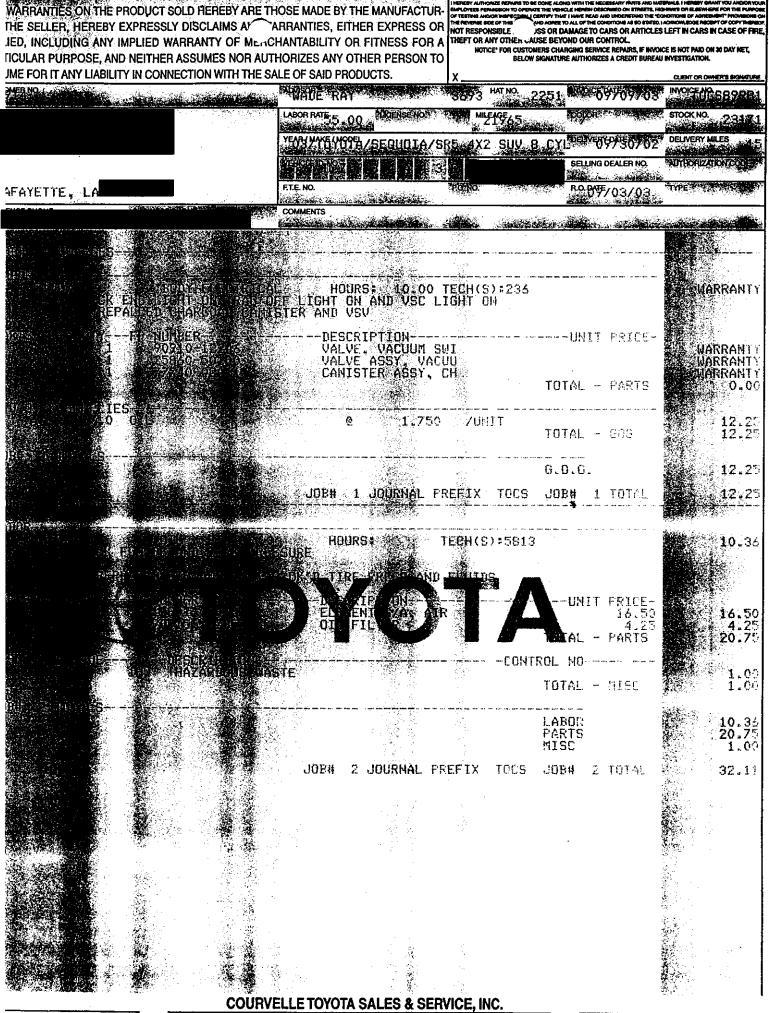
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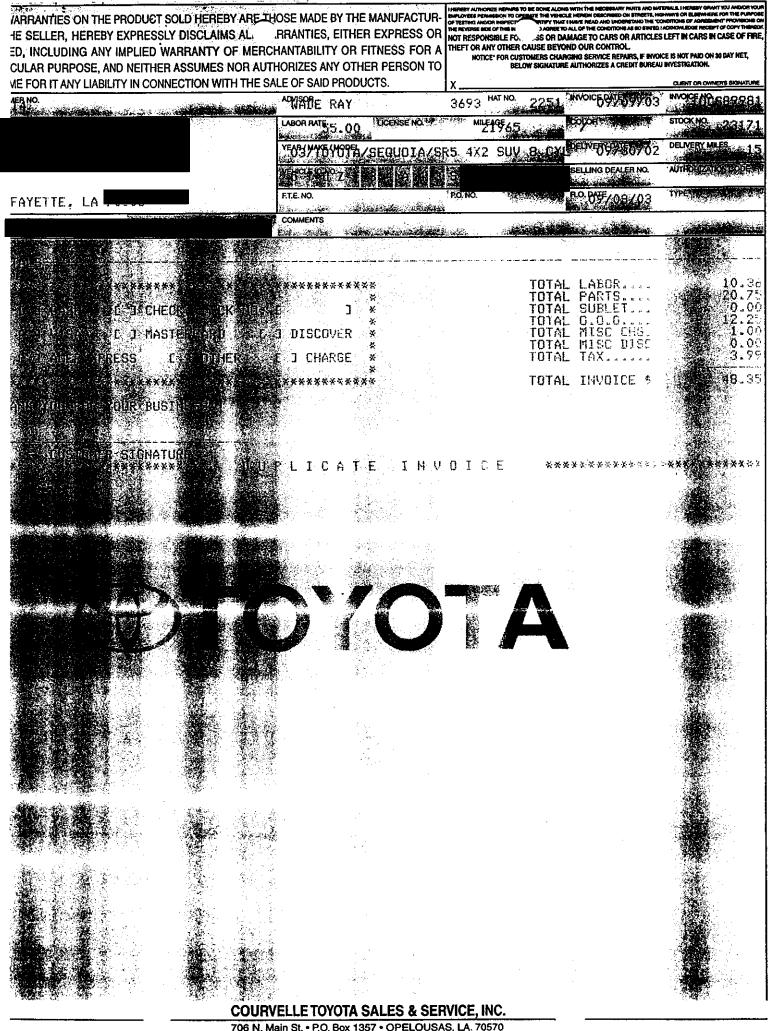
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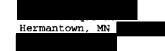
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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Plaintiff,

vs.

Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., a foreign corporation licensed to transact business in the State of Minnesota,

Defendant.

DISTRICT COURT

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type - Contract

COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff, Cynthia Reno ("Plaintiff"), as and for her cause of action against Defendant alleges as follows:

I.

At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff has resided at 3940 LaVaque Road, in the City of

Hermantown, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota.

II.

Defendant is a corporation qualified to transact business in the State of Minnesota.

Defendant continually and systematically transacts business in the State of Minnesota by selling

motor vehicles to its authorized dealers in the State of Minnesota, County of Hennepin, which

ultimately are sold by such authorized dealers to Minnesota consumers.

In November 2002, Plaintiff purchased a 2003 Toyota Sequoia from Defendant's authorized dealer. Said vehicle was manufactured by Defendant. The vehicle identification number for said vehicle is 5TDBT48A33S154966.

IV.

Plaintiff took delivery of the subject vehicle in November 2002.

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V.

Plaintiff purchased with said vehicle a manufacturer's express new vehicle warranty.

VI.

The warranty purchased by Plaintiff is a "manufacturer's express warranty" and

"warranty" as those terms are defined by Minn. Stat. § 325F.665 (Minnesota "Lemon Law") and 15 U.S.C. § 2301 et seq. ("Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act").

VII.

Since taking delivery of her new motor vehicle, Plaintiff experienced numerous warranted problems with her vehicle which substantially impair the vehicle's use and value to her. Said defects include, but are not necessarily limited to, VCS Trac and VCS Off light keep coming on causing vehicle's skid control to turn off. Said defects continue, and problems/defects continue to develop.

COUNT I - AGAINST DEFENDANT VIOLATION OF MINN. STAT. §325F.665, SUBD. 2.

VIII.

Plaintiff realleges Paragraphs I through VII as though fully stated herein.

Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined under the Lemon Law. Defendant is a "manufacturer" as that term is defined in the Lemon Law.

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Plaintiff reported the vehicle non-conformities outlined above to Defendant and/or its authorized dealers during the term of the applicable express warranty and during the two years following the date of original delivery of the new motor vehicle to Plaintiff.

XI.

Defendant failed to make the repairs necessary to conform Plaintiff's vehicle to the applicable express warranty.

XII.

Defendant has therefore violated Minn. Stat. §325F.665, subd. 2 and, therefore, Plaintiff is entitled to be compensated in an amount to be determined at trial, plus reasonable attorney's fees and litigation costs incurred in bringing this action as set forth under the Lemon Law.

COUNT II - AGAINST DEFENDANT VIOLATION OF MINN. STAT. §325F.665, SUBD. 3.

XIII.

Plaintiff realleges Paragraphs I through XII as though fully set forth herein.

XIV.

Defendant is unable to conform Plaintiff's new motor vehicle to the applicable express

warranty by repairing or correcting the defects in Plaintiff's motor vehicle.

The defects in Plaintiff's motor vehicle substantially impair the use and/or market value of the motor vehicle to Plaintiff.

XVI.

Defendant has made a reasonable number of attempts to repair Plaintiff's vehicle, and the

substantially impairing defects continue and defects continue to develop.

XVII.

Defendant has therefore violated Minn. Stat. §325F.665, subd. 3, thereby entitling

Plaintiff to a full refund, plus reasonable attorney's fees and litigation costs incurred in bringing this action as set forth under the Lemon Law.

COUNT III - AGAINST DEFENDANT VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. SECTION 2301 *ET SEQ.* (MAGNUSON-MOSS WARRANTY ACT)

XVIII.

Plaintiff realleges Paragraphs I through XVII as though fully set forth herein.

XIX.

Plaintiff's motor vehicle is a "consumer product" as that term is defined by the

Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.

XX.

Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined by the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.

XXI.

Defendant is a "warrantor" as that term is defined by the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.

XXII.

As set forth above, Defendant has failed to conform Plaintiff's motor vehicle to its written/express warranty.

XXIII.

Defendant has therefore violated the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, thereby entitling Plaintiff to a vehicle replacement or refund at her choice, plus reasonable attorney's fees, litigation costs and loss of use damages as set forth in the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays for judgment against Defendant for damages, attorney fees and litigation costs in a reasonable amount cumulatively in excess of \$50,000 and to be specifically proven at the time of trial, together with her pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and all other costs the Court deems just.

Dated: 6/2/05

HAUER, FARGIONE, LOVE, LANDY & MCELLISTREM P.A.

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Case Report - 200312150309

Camarillo , CA

Customer/Caller Summary:

Customer Name/Address:

Caller Phone: Caller Alt. Phone:

Case Summary:

Category:

VIN: Dofue

Region:

District:

Dealer 1:

Case Title: Product; Recurring Condition; Traction Control/VSC- Brakes; Warning Light On Case Type: General Contact Method: Written Cust Attitude: Frustrated Coding Type: Complaint Product Problem Area: Recurring Condition Traction Control/VSC- Brakes Component: Condition: Warning Light On 5TDZT34A93S 10/22/2002 Current Miles: 16500 Incident Miles: 11052 Model Year: 2003 Model Name: Sequoia Los Angeles 80 Dch Toyota Of Oxnard, 04066 Selling Dealer: Dch Toyota Of Oxnard, 04066

Case History:

Customer Seeks: CAC Stated:

perm rpr of braking system/ VSC/TRAC light

*** PHONE LOG 12/15/2003 09:22:49 AM KWoods

LTR: cust sts purched 03 sequoia 10/22/02 pd addtl \$431 fir supercare 5yr.sts brake light was out and rprd 05/29/03 11052mi sts after pick up VSC & trac light came on would not turn off sts c/b svc Frank Jiminez advd no concern driving veh, sts 05/30 in parking lot went to stop brakes went to floor had to pump brakes to get veh to stop sts veh towed to dlr dlr pd towing, sts dlr kept veh 5days sts rprd computer chip sensor, sts a few days later the VSC TRAC light came>>

*** NOTES 12/15/2003 09:22:49 AM KWoods

<<<on again.sts called dlr set appt to bring veh backveh back to dlr 11539mi sts dlr advd rplc of computer and a few more parts sts dlr kept veh several days but assured cust svc not causing addtl concerns.sts 09/30/2003 16168 mi to dlr per veh pulsated upon braking, sts sts dlr advd inspected bakes and they were fine, sts set appt to ride w/ mech.sts a few days later lights came back on, sts sts was advd can drive veh sts left veh was given loaner, advd dlr would call >>

*** NOTES 12/15/2003 09:27:11 AM KWoods

<<*sts after 4days no one called sts called dlr found that concern was w/ braking system front rotors were replcaed advd nothing else wrong.sts picked up veh concerned persisted sts to toyota of Thousand Oaks who advd rotors warped needed to be turned and also balanced tires was advd appox \$300 for rpr was advd to take veh back to Toy of Oxnard cust fls toyota of Oxnard unable to properly rpr veh sts family veh concerned w/ safety sks perm rpr of cond sts hopes>>>

*** NOTES 12/15/2003 09:27:23 AM KWoods <<< concern can be resolved

*** NOTES 12/15/2003 09:33:22 AM KWoods ncr c/b cust 1/m of ltr received advd cust to c/b cac

*** CASE CLOSE 12/15/2003 09:34:39 AM KWoods

1/m advsing ltr received NEXT REP: if cust c/b please probe if cust has gone ncr c/b cust at back to Oxnard toyota after thousand caks toyota advd rotors warped, probe crm involvement dlr open if necessary otherwise handle accordingly (poss PA if crm already involved and concern persists)

** NOTES 12/17/2003 10:42:16 AM JOrozco P/A: cust sts has had so many issues w/ brakes she is not sure when are working correctly and when they are not. cust sts brake pedal gradually goes down while sitting at red light in traffic. cust would like veh inspected by reg rep, cust sts all previous repairs only lasted a few weeks. cust is considering state lemon laws. ncr apol and adv someone will contact her w/i 3 bus days.

*** PHONE LOG 12/17/03 01:55:29 PM la5 Action Type: Outgoing call
 No Previous Case>>> ATTN CRM - Please contact customer and address concerns. Please review case with
 your DSPM Evan Nelson if possible inspection or further diagnosis needed. A copy of case will be given
 to the DSPM.

*** CASE CLOSE 12/22/03 12:35:49 PM DLR04066 CUSTOMER WILL COME IN AND HAVE THE SERVICE MANAGER TAKE A RIDE WITH HER. SHE SAID SHE'S NOT SURE IF ANYTHING IS WRONG WITH HER VEHICLE, BUT BECAUSE SHE'S GETTING CLOSE TO HER WARRANTY EXPIRATION DATE SHE'S CONCERNED.

Activity Summary:

Activity	Date/Time	Ori	ginator	Additional Information
Create	12/15/2003 08:32:50	B AM	KWoods	Contact = Priority = Customer, Status = Action CAC.
Modify	12/15/2003 09:22:49	AM 6	KWoods	into WIP default and Status of Action CAC.
Phone Log	12/15/2003 09:22:49	AM	KWoods	Start = 12/15/2003 08:32:58 AM, End = 12/15/2003 09:22:49 AM, Contact =
Notes	12/15/2003 09:22:49		KWoods	Log notes.
Notes	12/15/2003 09:27:11	AM	KWoods	Log notes.
Notes	12/15/2003 09:27:23		KWoods	Log notes.
Modify	12/15/2003 09:28:53	AM (KWoods	into WIP default and Status of Action CAC.
Modify	12/15/2003 09:30:27	AM	KWoods	into WIP default and Status of Action CAC.
Modify	12/15/2003 09:31:05	AM i	KWoods	into WIP default and Status of Action CAC.
Notes	12/15/2003 09:33:22	AM	KWoods	Log notes.
Modify	12/15/2003 09:33:27	AM	KWoods	into WIP default and Status of Action CAC.
Case Close	12/15/2003 09:34:39	AM	KWoods	Status = Closed, Resolution Code = Full, State = Open.
Reopen	12/17/2003 10:41:00	AM	JOrozco	with Condition of Open and Status of Action CAC.
Dispatch	12/17/2003 10:41:06	AM	JOrozco	Action Region.
Chg Status	12/17/2003 10:41:07	AM	JOrozco	Case sent to region: Los Angeles
Notes	12/17/2003 10:42:16	AM	JOrozco	Log notes.
_ Dispatch	12/17/2003 10:42:18	AM	JOrozco	Action Region.
Chg Status	12/17/2003 10:42:18	AM	JOrozco	Case sent to region: Los Angeles
Phone Log	12/17/2003 01:55:29	PM	1a5	Start = 12/17/03 01:54:05 PM, End = 12/17/03 01:55:29 PM, Contact = Vickie Sanders.
Yanked	12/17/2003 01:55:35	PM	1a5	Case grabbed from JOrozco to la5's default WipBin.
Chg Status	12/17/2003 01:55:35	PM	1a5	Action Region
Assign	12/17/2003 01:55:38	PM	1a5	Case assigned to DLR04066
Chg Status	12/17/2003 01:55:38	PM	1a5	Case status changed to Action Dealer
Chç Status	12/22/2003 12:35:50	PM	DLR04066	Status changed to Dealer Close
Dispatch	12/22/2003 12:35:50	PM	DLR04066	Case Dispatched to Los Angeles Closed Queue.
Yanked	12/22/2003 01:47:11	PM	1a5	Case grabbed from DLR04066 to la5's default WipBin.
Chg Status	12/22/2003 01:47:11	PM	la5	Action Region
Case Close	12/22/2003 01:47:14	PM	1a5	Status = Closed, Resolution Code = Full, State = Open.

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Case Report - 200312170589

CA

Camarillo ,

Customer/Caller Summary:

Customer Name/Address:

Caller Phone: Caller Alt. Phone:

Case Summary:

Case Title: Case Type:

Case Title:	Potential Arbitration; Abnormal Condition; Traction Control/VSC- Brakes;
	Warning
Case Type:	General
Contact Method:	Phone
Cust Attitude:	Inquisitive
Coding Type:	Complaint
Category:	Potential Arbitration
Problem Area:	Abnormal Condition
Component:	Traction Control/VSC- Brakes
Condition:	Warning Light On
VIN:	STDZT34A93S
Dofu:	10/22/2002
Current Miles:	16500
Incident Miles:	11052
Model Year:	2003
Model Name:	Sequoia
Region:	Los Angeles
District:	08
Dealer 1:	Dch Toyota Of Oxnard, 04066
Selling Dealer:	Dch Toyota Of Oxnard, 04066
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Case History:

Customer Seeks: proper diagnosis & permanent repair CAC Stated: NCR apol & adv of region open. C/B w/n 3 bus days. Cust hung up while holdind for case#.

*** PHONE LOG 12/17/2003 11:03:15 AM CSmith PA

PREV CASE#200312150309

Cust sts taken veh several times to dlr who could not duplicate concern after 1st visit. Cust sts took veh to Toy of thousand oaks adv roters needed to be replaced & refered cust back to Toy of Oxnard. Cust sts dlr replaced roters & dlr adv nothing else needed to be done for repair. Cust doesn't feel confident that this issue is resolved. Cust sts CRM adv issue is resolved & that they can find nothing else wrong w/veh. Cust is considering ABR.

*** PHONE LOG 12/22/03 11:00:10 AM 1a5 Action Type: Outgoing call RCR JShimizu contacted customer and advised her that a DSPM Evan Nelson will be in contact with her in 10 to 15 business days for a possible inspection. Copy of case given to DSPM.

*** CASE CLOSE 03/01/04 05:19:37 PM la5 CLOSING CASE

*** NOTES 08/19/2004 12:14:52 PM FCartagena Cust c/b sts the brake pads need to be change; sts took weh to independent shop and they adv it is not normal for brakes to wear at 10,000. Nor apol and opened case to dlr to have brakes inspected case # 200408190787.

Activity Summary:

	Activity	Date/Time	Originator	Additional Information
_		12/17/2003 10:11:05	AM CSmith	Contact =, Priority = Customer,
-	lodify	12/17/2003 11:03:15 12/17/2003 11:03:15		Status = Action CAC. into WIP default and Status of Action CAC. Start = 12/17/2003 10:11:05 AM, End = 12/17/2003

	Dispatch Chg Status Phone Log	12/17/2003 12/17/2003 12/22/2003	11:03:19	AM	CSmith CSmith la5
~	Accept	12/22/2003	11:00:19	АМ	la5
	Case Close	03/01/2004	05:19:37	PM	la5
	Notes	08/19/2004	12:14:52	PM	FCartagena

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	11:03:15 AM, Contact =
	Action Region to Los Angeles
	Case sent to region: Los Angeles
	Start = $12/22/03$ 10:57:35 AM. End = $12/22/03$
	11:00:10 AM, Contact =
	from Queue Los Angeles to WIP DSPM & FTS
	Inspections .
	Status = Closed, Resolution Code = Full, State = Open.
na	Log notes.

Case Report - 200408190787

Camarillo , CA

Customer/Caller Summary:

Customer Name/Address:

Caller Phone: Caller Alt. Phone:

Case Summary:

Case Title: Case Type: Contact Method:	General Phone	ition; Brake Pedal- Brakes; Damaged
Cust Attitude:	Concerned	
Coding Type:	Complaint	
Category:	Product	
Problem Area:	Abnormal Condition	
Component:	Brake Pedal- Brakes	
Condition:	Damaged	
VIN:	5TDZT34A93S	
Dofu:	10/22/2002	
Current Miles:	16500	
Incident Miles:	16500	
Model Year:	2003	
Model Name:	Sequoia	
Region:	Los Angeles	
District:	08	
Dealer 1:	Dch Toyota Of Oxnard,	04066
Selling Dealer:	Dch Toyota Of Oxnard,	04066
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Case History:

Customer Seeks: permanent repair of brakes Ncr apol & adv will open case to CRM for follow-up. Ncr adv CRM info, case#, CAC Stated: and 3 business days for cb. Adv may contact CRM directly at anytime.

*** PHONE LOG 08/19/2004 12:12:57 PM FCartagena

03 sequoia/16,500. Cust sts has changed the roters 3x this year; sts there is now a problem with the brakes; sts when DSPM inspected the veh they never changed the brakes; sts took veh to independent shop for inspection and they adv it is not normal for brakes to wear at 10,000 miles; sts made an appointment with dlr to have brakes inspected; sts the roters need to be changed.

*** DEALER NOTES: 08/20/04 07:36:03 FTS TO INSPECT THE CUSTOMERS VEHICLE ON 8/27/2004. CUSTOMER ALREADY ADVISED.

*** CASE CLOSE 08/27/04 04:19:33 PM DLR04066 REPLACED CUSTOMER FRONT BRAKE PADS AND ROTORS PER FTS.

*** NOTES 06/10/2005 03:59:54 PM RAbola <concern. sts cust came in yesterday b/c of the same brake pulsation. sts he spoke w/ their tech who adv that cust is driving veh hard. sts their fts was involved but is not sure of the time. also, sts a tsb was performed on veh.

Activity Summary:

Activity	Date/Time	0	riginator	Additional Information
Notes Create	06/10/2005 03:59:54 08/19/2004 12:02:42			Log notes. A Contact = Priority = Customer
Modify	08/19/2004 12:12:5			Status = Action CAC.
Modify	08/19/2004 12:12:5	7 P	M FCartagena	into WIP default and Status of Action CAC.
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Assign	08/19/2004 12:13:23	L P	M FCartagena	

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Case status changed to Action Dealer. Case Status changed to Action Dealer. Log notes by dealer. Status changed to Dealer Close Case Dispatched to Los Angeles Closed Queue. Case grabbed from DLR04066 to la5's default WipBin. Action Region Status = Closed, Resolution Code = Full, State = Open.

Case Report - 200506081163

Camarillo , CA

Customer/Caller Summary:

Customer Name/Address:

Caller Phone: Caller Alt. Phone:

Case Summary:

Case Title: Case Type: Contact Method: Cust Attitude: Coding Type: Category: Problem Area: Component: Condition: VIN: Dofu: Current Miles: Incident Miles: Model Year: Model Name: Region:	Priority Phone Concerned Complaint Product Abnormal Condition ABS- Brakes Other-Please Specify 5TDZT34A935 10/22/2002 42000 2003 Sequoia		Brakes; Other-Please	9 Specify
	-			
District:	Los Angeles			
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Dealer 1:	Dch Toyota Of Oxnard			
Selling Dealer:	Dch Toyota Of Oxnard	1, 04066		

Case History:

Customer Seeks: to have veh repaired. CAC Stated: ncr apol & adv cust will be contacted w/i 1 bd. ncr gave case #. ncr dispatch case

*** PHONE LOG 06/08/2005 02:08:41 PM TBeardsley

PA cust sts has still concerns w/ brakes see case 200408190787. cust sts 6/6/05 has brake indicator light on, tires are wearing, cust sts when puts foot on brake fls tight or sometimes goes half way to the floor & cust fls this concern is coming back. cust sts is taking veh tomorrow to dlr. Cust sts today spk w crm who adv cust to go regional.

*** RETURN 06/08/2005 03:22:33 PM SMcKechnie It appears you meant to send this to the PA queue. Please re-dispatch. Thanks, Scott

*** NOTES 06/09/2005 02:37:43 PM VWong OUTBOUND CUSTOMER CALL: NCR called day# & spoke to cust. NCR adv calling on behalf of specialist-RAbola. NCR adv RAbola currently doing research on case & will c/b cust by eob 6/10. cust understood.

*** SUBCASE 200506081163-1 CREATED 06/09/2005 04:27:59 PM RAbola

OUTGOING DLR CALL ncr called the dlr crm. sts on 3-2-05 (r/o 418355 @ 37,199mi), veh @ dlr for a brake vibration. sts dlr resurfaced rotors b/c they were wapred. sts on 8-26-04 (r/o 403266 @ 29,006mi), veh @ dlr b/c the brakes were wearing too fast. sts dlr replaced the rotors. sts on 8-13-04 (r/o 402163 @ 28,552mi), veh @ dlr b/c of a slight brake pulsation & low brake pedal. sts veh needed front brakes. sts on 1-15-04 (r/o 384542 @ 21,220mi), veh @ b/c of a brake>

*** NOTES 06/10/2005 03:59:50 PM RAbola

*** NOTES 06/10/2005 03:59:40 PM RAbola

vibration. sts dlr resurfaced the rear drums & r&r'd the pads. sts dlr also replaced the master cylinder b/c the brake pedal was too low. sts on 11-18-03 (r/o 379994 @ 18,662mi), veh shakes when brake is applied. sts dlr replaced the front pads. sts on 10-6-03 (r/o 376241 @ 16,483mi), the brakes pulsated when traveling downhill. sts dlr found warped rotors. sts on 9-30-03 (r/o 375755 @ 16,168mi), veh @ dlr for a brake pulsation. sts dlr was unable to duplicate>

*** NOTES 06/10/2005 04:00:21 PM RAbola

<concern. sts cust came in yesterday b/c of the same brake pulsation. sts he spoke w/ their tech who adv that cust is driving veh hard. sts their fts was involved but is not sure of the time. also, sts a tsb was performed on veh. *** NOTES 06/10/2005 04:12:28 PM RAbola OUTGOING CUST CALL ncr called the cust @ the day # listed (4:10pm pst) & was unable to leave a voicemail after 10 rings. ncr then called cust @ the alt # listed (4:11pm pst) & left a voicemail, toll-free#, & case#. *** NOTES 06/13/2005 09:12:08 AM DMorano Cust c/b & can be calld back @ (Cust notes that her cell phone may not work in the bldg. when she works). *** NOTES 06/13/2005 01:10:00 PM RAbola RESEARCH ncr notes, the fts was involved on 8/27/04 in which he informed the dlr to replace the brake pads & rotors. *** NOTES 06/13/2005 01:20:35 PM RAbola OUTGOING DLR CALL ncr called the dlr svc mngr, chris case, @ 1:10pm pst. svc mngr sts is familiar w/ cust's concerns. sts dlr has goodwilled brake replacements in addition to the goodwill that the fts provided. ncr understood. svc mngrs sts fls concern due to cust's driving habits. ncr understood & adv will bring this to the region's attention. *** NOTES 06/13/2005 01:41:13 PM RAbola INCOMING REGION CALL ncr revd a c/b from the cr analyst (TOhira). ncr adv the cr analyst of the situation. cr analyst adv to have the dlr contact their dspm (CForeman) as veh o/s of warr (42k mi) & since concern has been ongoing. ncr understood. *** NOTES 06/13/2005 01:43:12 PM RAbola OUTGOING DLR CALL ncr called the dlr svc mngr chris case. ncr asked if the svc mngr can contact the dspm regarding concern. svc mngr sts will contact their dspm. further, ncr asked svc mngr to contact ncr once a decision has been reached. svc mngr understood. *** NOTES 06/13/2005 02:02:32 PM RAbola OUTGOING CUST CALL ncr called the cust @ the day # listed. cust sts that she no longer wants to keep veh & will request that tms replace the veh. sts he is not sure if she would like to pursue arb through tms or arb o/s of toyota. sts would still like to receive the ppwrk. ncr adv of arb case # 200506131258. *** NOTES 06/13/2005 02:03:41 PM RAbola OUTGOING DLR CALL ncr called the dlr svc mngr (2:02pm pst) & left a voicemail, direct#, & case#. *** CASE CLOSE 06/13/2005 02:06:16 PM RAbola ncr closing case. *** NOTES 06/13/2005 02:21:03 PM RAbola INCOMING DLR CALL ncr rcvd a c/b from the dlr svc mngr. sts on 6-9-05 (r/o 427118 mileage not available) & 6-10-05 (r/o 427280), both r/os were created. sts cust took veh to dlr b/c the brake pulsates & b/c the brake light illuminated. sts does not have info on the rprs they will be performing now. *** NOTES 06/13/2005 02:39:42 PM RAbola 1)SUMMARY: Low Brake Pedal, Brake Pulsation, & Illumination of the Brake Light 2) REGION OPEN: No, as cust requesting for a replacement 3) RESOLUTION: No, as cust requesting for a replacement 4) CUSTOMER SATISFIED: No 5) DAYS TO CLOSE: 5 Days *** SUBCASE 200506081163-1 CLOSED 06/13/2005 02:40:00 PM RAbola ncr closing subcase. Activity Summary: Activity Date/Time Originator Additional Information Create 06/08/2005 01:54:40 PM TBeardslev Contact = Priority = Customer, Status = Action CAC.

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into WIP default and Status of Action CAC.

Start = 06/08/2005 01:54:40 PM, End = 06/08/2005

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	Dispatch	06/08/2005	02:09:06	PM	TBeardsley	from WIP default to Queue Toyota Executive Queue.
	Rule Action	06/08/2005	02:09:11	PM	rulemgr	Action Toyota Queue Notification of rule Toyota
					-	Queue Notification fired
_	Return	06/08/2005			SMcKechnie	from Queue Toyota Executive Queue to WIP default.
	Rule Action	06/08/2005	03:22:38	PM	rulemgr	Action Notify owner of rejected case of rule Toyota
						Rejected Cases fired
	Dispatch	06/09/2005	06:36:41	AM	TBeardsley	from WIP default to Queue Toyota Resolution Queue.
	Rule Action	06/09/2005	06:37:03	AM	rulemgr	Action Toyota Queue Notification of rule Toyota
					-	Queue Notification fired
	Notes	06/09/2005			VWong	Log notes.
	Accept	06/09/2005			RAbola	from Queue Toyota Resolution Queue to WIP default.
	Set Originato	06/09/2005	04:27:10	PM	RAbola	Set Originator: by RAbola
	Modify	06/09/2005			RAbola	into WIP default and Status of Action CAC.
	Set Originato				RAbola	Set Originator: by RAbola
	Admin Subcase	06/09/2005	04:27:59	PM	RAbola	Number = 200506081163-1, Created in WIP default
						with due date 06/10/2005 07:10:00 AM
	Notes	06/10/2005	03:59:40	PM	RAbola	Log notes.
	Notes	06/10/2005			RAbola	Log notes.
	Notes	06/10/2005	04:00:21	PM	RAbola	Log notes.
	Notes	06/10/2005	04:12:28	PM	RAbola	Log notes.
	Modify	06/10/2005			RAbola	into WIP default and Status of Action CAC.
	Notes	06/13/2005			DMorano	Log notes.
	Rule Action	06/13/2005	09:12:11	AM	rulemgr	Action Send Notify of rule Toyota Priority Notify
						Non Owner fired
	Notes	06/13/2005			RAbola	Log notes.
	Notes	06/13/2005			RAbola	Log notes.
	Notes	06/13/2005			RAbola	Log notes.
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Camarillo , CA

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Arbitration Request; Abnormal Condition; Brake Pedal- Brakes; Other-Please Speci General Contact Method: Phone Cust Attitude: Frustrated Complaint Arbitration Request Abnormal Condition Brake Pedal- Brakes Other-Please Specify 5TDZT34A93S 10/22/2002 Current Miles: 42000 Incident Miles: 42000 2003 Sequoia Los Angeles 80 Dch Toyota Of Oxnard, 04066 Selling Dealer: Dch Toyota Of Oxnard, 04066

Case History:

Customer Seeks: for tms to replace veh. CAC Stated: ncr apol & adv cust of the ARB open & 40-day CDSP timeframe.

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YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Vickie and Scott Sanders	LEGAI SERVICES
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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral services from a nonprofit legal services attorney referral services from a nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawheipcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen au caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pide al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y blenes sin más advertencia.

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Superior Court of Ventura County

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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Todd Friedman, Krohn and Moss, Ltd.

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15	NOW COME the Plaintiffs, VICKIE AND SCOTT SANDERS by and through Plaintiffs'
16	attorneys, KROHN & MOSS, LTD., and for Plaintiffs' Complaint against Manufacturer,
17	TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, USA, INC., allege and affirmatively state as follows:
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19	PARTIES
20	1. Plaintiffs, VICKIE AND SCOTT SANDERS ("Plaintiffs), are individuals who
21	purchased subject vehicle in the State of California.
22	2. Manufacturer, TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, USA, INC.
23	("Manufacturer"), is a corporation Authorized to do business in the State of California and is
2,4	engaged in the manufacture, sale, and distribution of motor vehicles and related equipment and
25	services. Manufacturer is also in the business of marketing, supplying and selling written
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warranties to the public at large through a system of authorized dealerships, including TOYOTA OF OXNARD ("Seller"). Manufacturer does business in all counties of the State of California.

BACKGROUND

On or about October 22, 2002, Plaintiffs purchased from Seller a 2003 Toyota
 Sequoia ("SEQUOIA"), manufactured by Manufacturer, Vehicle Identification No.
 5TDZT34A93S146496, for valuable consideration (Plaintiff is attempting to locate his purchase contract and will produce same when found. Notwithstanding, Defendant is in possession of same).

4. In consideration for the purchase of the SEQUOIA, Manufacturer issued and supplied to Plaintiffs several written warranties, including a three (3) year or thirty-sixty thousand (36,000) mile factory warranty, as well as other standard warranties fully outlined in the Manufacturer's Warranty Booklet.

5. On or about October 22, 2002, Plaintiffs took possession of the SEQUOIA and shortly thereafter experienced the various defects listed below that substantially impair the use, value and/or safety of the SEQUOIA.

6. The defects listed below violate the express written warranties issued to Plaintiffs by manufacturer.

7. The defects listed below violate the implied warranty of merchantability.

8. Plaintiffs brought the SEQUOIA to Seller and/or other authorized service dealers of manufacturer for various defects, including, but not limited to the following:

a. Defective brake system as evidenced by pulsating, and soft brake pedal;

- b. Defective electrical system as evidenced by brake light failing to operate, "VSC" and "SES" lights repeatedly illuminating, and repeatedly requiring jumpstarts;
- c. Defective tires as evidenced by excessive vibrating; and

d. Any additional complaints made by Plaintiffs, whether or not they are contained in Manufacturer's records or on any repair orders.

9. Plaintiffs provided Manufacturer through Seller and/or other authorized dealers of Manufacturer sufficient opportunities to repair the SEQUOIA.

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10. Manufacturer, through its authorized dealers was unable and/or failed to repair the SEQUOIA within a reasonable number of attempts.

11. Plaintiffs justifiably lost confidence in the SEQUOIA's reliability and said defects have substantially impaired the value of the SEQUOIA to Plaintiffs.

12. Said defects could have not been discovered by Plaintiffs prior to Plaintiffs' acceptance of the SEQUOIA.

13. As a result of said defects, Plaintiffs revoked acceptance of the SEQUOIA in writing on June 14, 2005 (A copy of said letter is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A").

14. At the time of revocation, the SEQUOIA was in substantially the same condition as at delivery except for damage caused by its own defects and ordinary wear and tear.

15. Manufacturer refused Plaintiffs' demand for revocation and has refused to provide Plaintiffs with the remedies Plaintiffs are entitled upon revocation.

16. The SEQUOIA remains in a defective and unmerchantible condition, and continues to exhibit the above mentioned defects that substantially impair its use, value and/or safety.

17. Plaintiffs have and will continue to be financially damaged due to Manufacturer's failure to comply with the provisions of its express and implied warranties.

18. Prior to filing this complaint, Plaintiffs attempted to submit to Manufacturer's informal dispute resolution program and were unsatisfied with the results therein.

COUNT I BREACH OF WRITTEN WARRANTY PURSUANT TO THE MAGNUSON-MOSS WARRANTY ACT MANUFACTURER

19. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1-18 of this Complaint.

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20. Plaintiffs are a lessee of a consumer product who received the SEQUOIA during the duration of a written warranty period applicable to the SEQUOIA and who is entitled by the terms of the written warranty to enforce against Manufacturer the obligations of said warranty.

21. Manufacturer is a person engaged in the business of making a consumer product directly available to Plaintiffs.

22. Seller is an authorized dealership/agent of Manufacturer designed to perform repairs on vehicles under Manufacturer's automobile warranties.

23. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, Chapter 15 U.S.C.A., Section, 2301 et. Seq.
("Warranty Act") is applicable to Plaintiffs' Complaint in that the SEQUOIA was manufactured,
sold and purchased after July 4, 1975, and costs in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00).

24. Plaintiffs' purchase of the SEQUOIA was accompanied by written factory warranties for any non-conformities or defects in materials or workmanship, comprising an undertaking in writing in connection with the purchase of the SEQUOIA to repair the SEQUOIA or take other remedial action free of charge to Plaintiffs with respect to the SEQUOIA in the event that the SEQUOIA failed to meet the specifications set forth in said undertaking.

25. Said warranties were the basis of the bargain of the contract between the Plaintiffs and Manufacturer for the sale of the SEQUOIA to Plaintiffs.

26. Said purchase of Plaintiffs' SEQUOIA was induced by, and Plaintiffs relied upon, these written warranties.

27. Plaintiffs have met all of Plaintiffs' obligations and preconditions as provided in
 25_ the written warranties.

28. As a direct and proximate result of Manufacturer's failure to comply with its

express written warranties, Plaintiffs have suffered damages and, in SEQUOIAance with 15

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U.S.C. § 2310(d), Plaintiffs are entitled to bring suit for such damages and other equitable relief.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Manufacturer as follows:

a. Return of all monies paid or in the alternative applicable damages pursuant to section 2714 of the Commercial Code, and all incidental and consequential damages incurred;

b. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees and all court costs and other costs;

c. Such other and further relief that the Court deems just and appropriate.

<u>COUNT II</u> <u>BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY</u> <u>PURSUANT TO THE MAGNUSON-MOSS WARRANTY ACT</u> <u>MANUFACTURER</u>

29. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as through fully set forth herein, paragraphs 1-18 of this complaint.

30. The SEQUOIA purchased by Plaintiffs was subject to an implied warranty of merchantability as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(7) running from the Manufacturer to the intended consumer, Plaintiffs herein.

31. Manufacturer is a supplier of consumer goods as a person engaged in the business of making a consumer product directly available to Plaintiffs.

32. Manufacturer is prohibited from disclaiming or modifying any implied warranty
 when making a written warranty to the consumer or when Manufacturer has entered into a
 contract in writing within ninety (90) days of purchase to perform services relating to the
 maintenance or repair of a motor vehicle.

33. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 2308, Plaintiffs' SEQUOIA was impliedly warranted to
 be substantially free of defects and non-conformities in both material and workmanship, and
 thereby fit for the ordinary purpose for which the SEQUOIA was intended.

1	34. The SEQUOIA was warranted to pass without objection in the trade under the
-	contract description, and was required to conform to the descriptions of the vehicle contained in
3	the contracts and labels.
4	35. The above described defects in the SEQUOIA render the SEQUOIA unfit for the
5	ordinary and essential purpose for which the SEQUOIA was intended.
6	36. As a result of the breaches of implied warranty by Manufacturer, Plaintiffs have
7	suffered and continue to suffer various damages.
8	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Manufacturer as follows:
9 10	a. Return of all monies paid or in the alternative applicable damages pursuant to section 2714 of the Commercial Code, and all incidental and consequential damages
11 12	 incurred; b. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees and all court costs and other costs; c. Such other and further relief that the Court deems just and appropriate.
13 14	<u>COUNT III</u> <u>REVOCATION OF ACCEPTANCE</u> <u>MANUFACTURER</u>
15 16	37. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as though fully set forth herein,
17	paragraphs 1-18 of this Complaint.
18	38. Manufacturer's tender of the SEQUOIA was substantially impaired to Plaintiffs.
19	39. Manufacturer's tender of the SEQUOIA, which was substantially impaired to
20	Plaintiffs, constitutes a violation of 15 U.S.C. §2310(d).
21	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Manufacturer as follows:
22	a. Return of all monies paid or in the alternative applicable damages pursuant to section
23	2714 of the Commercial Code, and all incidental and consequential damages incurred;
24	b. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees and all court costs and other costs;c. Such other and further relief that the Court deems just and appropriate.
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SONG-BEVERLY CONSUMER WARRANTY ACT Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as though fully set forth herein, 40. Pursuant to Cal Civ. Code. § 1793.22(b)(2), Plaintiffs have presented the 41. SEQUOIA to Seller and/or other authorized service dealers of Manufacturer within the term of protection and have tendered the subject vehicle four (4) or more times for the same defects and/or non-conformities within eighteen-thousand (18,000) miles and/or eighteen (18) months for the above-mentioned defects that substantially affect the use, value and safety of the SEOUOIA. 42. unable to repair said defects in a reasonable number of attempts. Pursuant to Cal Civ. Code. § 1793.2, Plaintiffs are entitled to a refund of the full 43. replacement vehicle, plus all attorney fees and costs. 44. obligations to refund or replace Plaintiffs' vehicle, but failing to fulfill them. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Manufacturer as follows: Return of the SEQUOIA's purchase price and all incidental and a. consequential damages incurred by Plaintiffs; Return of all finance charges incurred by Plaintiffs for the SEQUOIA; **b**. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other fees C. incurred by Plaintiffs; and A civil penalty pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1794 (c). d. Such other and further relief that this Court deems just and appropriate. e.

COUNT IV

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Manufacturer, through Seller and/or other authorized dealerships, have been 13

purchase price of the vehicle, including all collateral charges and finance charges, and/or a

Manufacturer has willfully violated the provisions of this act by knowing of its

<u>COUNT V</u> SONG -BEVERLY CONSUMER WARRANTY ACT

46. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference as though fully set forth herein, Paragraphs 1-17 of this Complaint.

47. The SEQUOIA purchased by Plaintiffs was subject to an implied warranty of merchantability as defined in Cal. Civ. Code §1790 running from the Manufacturer to the intended consumer, Plaintiffs herein.

48. Manufacturer is a supplier of consumer goods as a person engaged in the business of making a consumer product directly available to Plaintiffs.

49. Manufacturer is prohibited from disclaiming or modifying any implied warranty under Cal. Civ. Code §1790.

50. Pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code §1790, Plaintiffs' SEQUOIA was impliedly warranted to be fit for the ordinary use for which the SEQUOIA was intended.

51. The SEQUOIA was warranted to pass without objection in the trade under the contract description, and was required to conform to the descriptions of the vehicle contained in the contracts and labels.

52. The above described defects in the SEQUOIA caused it to fail to possess even the
most basic degree of fitness for ordinary use..

53. As a result of the breaches of implied warranty by Manufacturer, Plaintiffs have

suffered and continues to suffer various damages.

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b. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees and all court costs and other costs;

c. Such other and further relief that the Court deems just and appropriate. PLAINTIFFS HEREBY REQUESTS A JURY TRIAL IN THIS MATTER. Dated this 20th Day of July, 2005 Todd M. Friedman Attorney for Plaintiffs, VICKIE AND SCOTT SANDERS COMPLAINT

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Vacaville, CA

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advised the dlr is not able to diag concern. The dlr advised cllr to contact cec to pursue arb. Cllr does not want the vehicle and wants toyota to buy it back. Svc mgr Mark Ruffner advised. Cllr sks ARB Ncr apol. Ncr adv cllr will request paper work to be sent and adv cllr should receive within 10-14 days. Ncr adv cllr case # for ref

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11	Dairen E. Young and Holly A. Young,) Case No. F(SU30614
12	Plaintiffs,	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES
13	vs.) BREACH OF WARRANTIES
14	Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc;) Unlimited Civil Jurisdiction
15	Lithia TKV, Inc., a California corporation dba Toyota of Vacaville; and	
16	DOES 1 through 30,	BY FAX
17	Defendants	
18		ASSIGNED TO
19		FOR ALL PURPOSES
20	The Contract of Sale	TONALL FURPUSES
21	1. On July 6, 2003, plaintiffs purchased a ne	ew 2003 Toyota Sequoia, VIN
22 23	5TDBT48A23S177185, from the defendant selling	· · · ·
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25	pay \$45850.93 including sales tax and license.	
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27		he vehicle for personal and family use. Plaintiffs
28	were buyers within the meaning of Commercial (Lode § 2103.
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3. Defendant Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc manufactured the vehicle and sold it to the
 defendant dealer. Defendant Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc was a "manufacturer" and "seller" within
 the meaning of Civil Code § 1791(j) and Commercial Code § 2103(d).

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4. The defendant Lithia Toyota of Vacaville purchased the vehicle from the defendant
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6 manufacturer and resold it to plaintiffs. The defendant dealer was a "seller" and "merchant" within
6 the meaning of Commercial Code § 2103(d) and Commercial Code § 2104(1).

7 || The Express Warranty

5. The defendant manufacturer provided plaintiffs an express, written warranty on the vehicle in effect for 60,000 miles and 60 months. The defendant manufacturer warranted that the vehicle was free of all defects in materials and workmanship and if any defect was discovered within the warranty period, the defendant manufacturer would provide for repair of the vehicle free of charge to the plaintiffs. Plaintiffs have met all of the obligations and the preconditions of the express warranty.

14 Implied Warranty of Merchantability

6. Defendants were merchants in the sale of the vehicle and there was in the sale an implied
warranty that the vehicle was merchantable and fit for its ordinary uses, which warranty had
duration of one year.

18 Defendants Breached the Warranties

7. Defendants have been unable to conform the vehicle to the express warranty or make it
merchantable by repairing its defects.

21 8. The vehicle has defects, which substantially impair its use, value and safety.

22 9. The vehicle has been in for repair of defects that cause the ABS light, brake light, and MIL
23 light on at the same time while driving.

24 10. The repair history has been as follows:

25	Date In	Mileage	Days	Owner complaints/dealer comments
26 27	9/18/07 RO 354456 Lithia Toyota	58,703 of Vacaville	3	C/s ABS, VSC and trac off light all come one Cause: ABS translater ECU open circuit
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1	10/5/0759,45633C/s ABS light and brake light on Replaced ABS skid ECU
2	Lithia Toyota of Vacaville Tech support recommend various procedures, including replacement of engine ECU
4	11/13/07 59,850 23+ C/s trac, ABS, brake light & MIL are on RO 358848
5	Lithia Toyota of Vacaville
6	11. Defendants have had sufficient opportunities to repair the vehicle. At this point, the vehicle
7	is still at the dealership for repair. The technicians have no idea how to fix this vehicle.
8	Notice to Defendant Manufacturer of the Defects
9	12. On or about October 5, 2007, the defendant dealer gave the defendant manufacturer notice
10 11	of the defects in the subject vehicle.
12	Damages to Plaintiff
13	13. Plaintiffs' damages include the purchase price and incidental and consequential damages.
14	Incidental damages include finance charges, sales tax, and DMV license fees.
15	Jurisdiction and Venue
16	14. Defendants do business in California, have regularly conducted business in California, and
17	have supplied products to buyers in California. Venue is proper in this county. The claim for relief arose and the contract for sale was entered within this county.
18	Fictitious Defendants
19	15. DOES 1-25 are entities that participated in the transactions complained of herein in ways
20	which are unknown to plaintiff. The true names, capacities and nature and extent of participation in
21	the alleged activities complained of herein by DOES 1-25, inclusive, are unknown to plaintiffs and
22	therefore sue these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will amend the complaint to
23	allege their true names and capacities when ascertained.
24	Agency
25	16. Each of the defendants, whether actually named or fictitiously named, was the agent of the
26 27	other defendants, whether actually named or fictitiously named, and each other and was at all times
28	acting within the purpose and scope of such agency.
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Complaint for Damages •

1	First Cause of Action - Breach of Implied Warranty under the Song-Beverly Act, Civil Code § 1792Against the Defendant Manufacturer & Selling Dealer
3	17. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege each and every allegation of $\P\P$ 1-17.
4	18. Defendants' breach of the implied warranty is a violation of the Song-Beverly Act,
5	California Civil Code § 1792.
6	19. Defendants are liable for damages pursuant to Civil Code § 1794.
7	Second Cause of ActionSong-Beverly Act, Reimbursement Under the "Lemon Law," Civil Code §§ 1793.2(d),1794Against the Defendant Manufacturer
8	20. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege each and every allegation of $\P\P$ 1-17.
9	21. As an express warrantor and manufacturer, defendant Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc had
10	certain obligations under the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, California Civil Code § 1790,
11	et seq. and in particular Civil Code § 1793.2(b) & (d) to conform the vehicle to the express
12 13	warranty.
13	22. The defendant manufacturer and its agent dealers have been unable to conform the vehicle
15	to the express warranty after a reasonable number of attempts at repair. The defendant manufacturer
16	is therefore required to reimburse the buyer the purchase price and incidental and other damages
17	pursuant to Civil Code §§ 1793.2(d), 1794 in return for clear title to the vehicle.
18	23. The defendant manufacturer also had a mandatory duty to replace or repurchase the vehicle
19	pursuant to Civil Code § 1793.2(d). Plaintiffs asked the defendant manufacturer to replace or
20	repurchase the vehicle, but the manufacturer willfully refused to do so.
21	24. The defendant manufacturer is therefore liable for not only damages, but also a civil penalty
22	pursuant to Civil Code § 1794.
23	WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray judgment as follows:
24	A. For reimbursement and incidental and consequential damages and other compensatory damages,
25	which exceed \$25,000; B. On the Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act causes of action, a civil penalty of two times
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27	damages;
28	C. Prejudgment interest from the date of revocation;
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D. Attorney's fees and expenses under Civil Code 1794(d) and costs of suit; E. For such other and further relief as the court may deem proper. Dated: December 6, 2007. KEMNITZER, ANDERSON, BARRON, OGILVIE & BREWER LLP Έγ Mark F. Anderson Attorney for Plaintiffs Complaint for Damages

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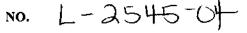
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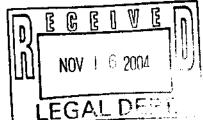
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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY MERCER COUNTY

CIVIL ACTION





COMPLAINT

1. Plaintiffs, Melvin H. Cole and Elisabeth Cole, are adult individual citizens and legal residents of the State of New Jersey, 36 Colleen Circle, Ewing, New Jersey 08638.

2. Defendant, Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., is a corporation qualified to do and regularly conduct business in the State of New Jersey, with its address and principal place of business located at 19001 South Western Avenue, Torrance, CA 90509, and can be served at this address.

BACKGROUND

3. On or about April 18, 2003, Plaintiffs purchased a new 2003 Toyota Sequoia, manufactured and warranted by Defendant, bearing the Vehicle Identification Number 5TDBT48A83S182276.

4. The vehicle was purchased in the State of New Jersey and is registered in the State of New Jersey.

5. The contract price of the vehicle, including registration charges, document fees, sales tax, finance and bank charges, but <u>excluding</u> other collateral charges not specified, yet defined by the

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Lemon Law, totaled more man \$55,574.40. A true and correct copy of the contract is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and marked Exhibit "A".

6. In consideration for the purchase of said vehicle, Defendant issued to Plaintiffs several warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings with respect to the material or workmanship of the vehicle and/or remedial action in the event the vehicle fails to meet the promised specifications.

7. The above-referenced warranties, guarantees, affirmations or undertakings are/were part of the basis of the bargain between Defendant and Plaintiffs.

8. The parties' bargain includes an express 3-year / 36,000 mile warranty, as well as other guarantees, affirmations and undertakings as stated in Defendant's warranty materials and owner's manual.

9. However, as a result of the ineffective repair attempts made by Defendant through its authorized dealer(s), the vehicle is rendered substantially impaired, unable to be utilized for its intended purposes, and is worthless to Plaintiffs.

10. Plaintiffs have or may have resorted to Defendant's informal dispute settlement procedure, to the extent said procedure complies with 16 CFR 703.

11. Plaintiffs aver that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has determined that no automobile manufacturer complies with 16 CFR 703. See, Fed. Reg. 15636, Vol. 62, No. 63 (Apr. 2, 1997).

COUNT I NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY ACT

12. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.

13. Plaintiffs are "Consumers" as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:12-30.

14. Defendant is a "Manufacturer" as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:12-30.

15. Lawrence Toyota, and/or was at the time of sale a "Deale, or Motor Vehicle Dealer" in the business of buying, selling, and/or exchanging vehicles as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:12-30.

16. On or about April 18, 2003, Plaintiffs took possession of the above mentioned vehicle and experienced nonconformities as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:12-29 et seq., which substantially impair the use, value and/or safety of the vehicle.

17. Defendant through its authorized dealer failed to provide written notification that the vehicle was covered by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act as provided in N.J.S.A. 56:12-34(c). Plaintiffs believe and therefore aver said failure is a per se violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq., as well as a violation of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act.

18. The nonconformities described violate the express written warranties issued to Plaintiffs by Defendant.

19. Section 56:12-32 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act provides:

a. If, during the period specified in section 3 of this act, the manufacturer or its dealer is unable to repair or correct a nonconformity within a reasonable time, the manufacturer shall accept return of the motor vehicle from the consumer. The manufacturer shall provide the consumer with a full refund of the purchase price of the original motor vehicle including any stated credit or allowance for the consumer's used motor vehicle, the cost of any options or other modifications arranged, installed, or made by the manufacturer or its dealer within 30 days after the date or original delivery, and any other charges or fees including, but not limited to, sales tax, license and registration fees, finance charges, reimbursement for towing and reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by the consumer for the rental of a motor vehicle equivalent to the consumer's motor vehicle and limited to the period during which the consumer's motor vehicle use.

20. Section 56:12-33 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act provides a presumption

of a reasonable number of repair attempts:

- a. It is presumed that a manufacturer or its dealer is unable to repair or correct a nonconformity within a reasonable time if, within the first 18,000 miles of operation or during the period of two years following the date of original delivery of the motor vehicle to a consumer, whichever is the earlier date:
 - (1) Substantially the same nonconformity has been subject to repair three or more times by the manufacturer or its dealer and the nonconformity continues to exist; or
 - (2) The motor vehicle is out of service by reason of repair for one or more nonconformities for a cumulative total of 20 or more calendar days since the original delivery of the motor vehicle and a nonconformity continues to exist.
- b. The presumption contained in sub-section a. of this section shall apply against a manufacturer only if the manufacturer has received written notification, by or on behalf of the consumer, by certified mail

21. Plaintiffs have satisfied the above definition as the vehicle has been subject to repair more than three (3) times for the same nonconformity, and the nonconformity remained uncorrected.

22. In addition, the above vehicle has or will be out of service by reason of the nonconformities complained of for a cumulative total of twenty (20) or more calendar days.

23. Plaintiffs have delivered the nonconforming vehicle to an authorized service and repair facility of the Defendant on numerous occasions as outlined below.

24. After a reasonable number of attempts, Defendant was unable to repair the nonconformities.

25. During the first 24 months and/or 18,000 miles, Plaintiffs complained on at least three (3) occasions about defects and or non-conformities to the following vehicle components: abnormal check engine light on, track light on, defective steering angle sensor and purge valve assembly. True and correct copies of all invoices in Plaintiffs possession are attached hereto, made a part hereof, and marked Exhibit "B".

26. Plaintiffs have been and will continue to be financially damaged due to Defendant's intentional, reckless, wanton, and negligent failure to comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 56:12-29 et seq.

27. Plaintiffs have provided Defendant with a final repair opportunity prior to filing the within Complaint.

28. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 56:12-29 et seq, Plaintiffs seek relief for losses due to the nonconformities and defects in the above-mentioned vehicle in addition to reasonable attorney fees and all court costs.

WHEREFORE, Plain. is respectfully demand judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, attorneys' fees, and court costs.

COUNT II MAGNUSON-MOSS (FTC) WARRANTY IMPROVEMENT ACT

29. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.

30. Plaintiffs are "Consumers" as defined by 15 U.S.C. §2301(3).

31. Defendant is a "supplier", "warrantor", and a "service contractor" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301 (4),(5) and (8).

32. The subject vehicle is a "consumer product" as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).

33. By the terms of its written warranties, affirmations, promises, or service contracts, Defendant agreed to perform effective repairs at no charge for parts and/or labor.

34. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act requires Defendant to be bound by all warranties implied by state law. Said warranties are imposed on all transactions in the state in which the vehicle was delivered.

35. Defendant has made attempts on several occasions to comply with the terms of its express warranties; however, such repair attempts have been ineffective.

36. The Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, 15 U.S.C. §2310(d)(2) provides:

If a consumer finally prevails on an action brought under paragraph (1) of this subsection, he may be allowed by the court to recover as part of the judgment a sum equal to the amount of aggregate amount of costs and expenses (including attorney fees based upon actual time expended), determined by the court to have been reasonably incurred by the Plaintiff for, or in connection with the commencement and prosecution of such action, unless the court, in its discretion shall determine that such an award of attorney's fees would be inappropriate.

37. Plaintiffs have afforded Defendant a reasonable number of opportunities to conform the vehicle to the aforementioned express warranties, implied warranties and contracts.

38. As a direct and prominate result of Defendant's failure to comply with the express written warranties, Plaintiffs have suffered damages and, in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 2310(d)(1), Plaintiffs are entitled to bring suit for such damages and other legal and equitable relief.

39. Defendant's failure is a breach of Defendant's contractual and statutory obligations constituting a violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Improvement Act, including but not limited to: breach of express warranties; breach of implied warranty of merchantability; breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose; breach of contract; and constitutes an Unfair Trade Practice.

40. Plaintiffs aver Defendant's Dispute Resolution Program is not in compliance with 16 CFR 703 by the FTC for the period of time this claim was submitted.

41. Plaintiffs aver that upon successfully prevailing upon the Magnuson-Moss claim herein, all attorney fees are recoverable and are demanded against Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully demand judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the price of the subject vehicle, plus all collateral charges, incidental and consequential damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, and all court costs.

COUNT III UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

42. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.

43. The defects and nonconformities existing within the vehicle constitute a breach of contractual and statutory obligations of Defendant, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Express Warranty;
- b. Implied Warranty Of merchantability; and
- c. Implied Warranty Of Fitness For A Particular Purpose.

44. At the time of obuining possession of the vehicle and at all times subsequent thereto, Plaintiffs have justifiably relied upon Defendant's express warranties and implied warranties of fitness for a particular purpose and implied warranties of merchantability.

45. At the time of obtaining possession of the vehicle and at all times subsequent thereto, Defendant was aware Plaintiffs were relying upon Defendant's express and implied warranties, obligations, and representations with regard to the subject vehicle.

46. Plaintiffs have incurred damages as a direct and proximate result of the breach and failure of Defendant to honor its express and implied warranties.

47. Such damages include, but are not limited to, the contract price of the vehicle plus all collateral charges, including attorney fees and costs, as well as other expenses, the full extent of which are not yet known.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully demand judgment against Defendant in an amount equal to the contract price of the vehicle, plus all collateral charges and attorneys' fees.

COUNT IV <u>NEW JERSEY CONSUMER FRAUD ACT</u>

48. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all facts and allegations set forth in this Complaint by reference as if fully set forth at length herein.

49. Plaintiffs are "Persons" as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:8-1(d).

50. Defendant is a "Person" as defined by N.J.S.A. 56:8-1(d).

51. Defendant's actions surrounding the sale and servicing of the subject vehicle were unconscionable. Defendant's agents also acted with a reckless and callous disregard for Plaintiffs' rights in negotiating and handling Plaintiffs' warranty claims.

52. Defendant's actions surrounding the sale and servicing of said vehicle constitute a unconscionable commercial practice, deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, and/or misrepresentation. Defendant and its agents acted affirmatively in such a manner as to be an unlawful commercial practice.

53. Defendant acted knowingly with the intent to cause Plaintifts reliance thereupon.

54. Defendant knowingly concealed, suppressed, or omitted facts material to the transactions at issue, in that Defendant was aware the defect(s)/condition(s) could not be repaired, and that the ineffectual repairs were performed by incompetent or unqualified individuals. Defendant's failure to verify the defect(s) or condition(s) constitutes a refusal to perform the repairs under its statutory or contractual obligations.

55. Defendant through its authorized dealer failed to provide written notification that the vehicle was covered by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act N.J.S.A. 56:12-34(c) and Plaintiffs believe and therefore aver said failure is a per se violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq. as well as a violation of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Warranty Act.

56. Plaintiffs believe and therefore aver that the defect(s) or condition(s) outlined previously is/are an inherent design defect and that as such the Defendant must certify the existence of this defect or condition to the Division of Consumer Affairs. Defendant has failed to file this certification and this failure is a violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq.

57. Defendant's failure to supply an itemized legible statement of repair is an unlawful practice pursuant to the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act N.J.S.A. 56:8-2.

58. The Act prohibits the aforementioned action of Defendant in the sale and attempted repair of the subject vehicle.

59. Plaintiffs believe and therefore aver the reckless, wanton and willful failure of Defendant to comply with the terms of the written warranties constitutes an unfair method of competition.

60. As a result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs have and will continue to suffer ascertainable financial loss proximately caused by the Defendant's conduct. Said losses are outlined as follows:

a. Plaintiffs are entitled to a full refund N.J.S.A. 56:8-2.11-12;

- b. Plaintiffs' vehicle, given the defect/condition, is worthless;
- c. Plaintiffs lost time from work and other money as a result of having to take the vehicle in for the repeated repair attempts;
- d. Plaintiffs have been relegated to finding alternative means of transportation while the vehicle was in for repairs and while the vehicle has been in its present condition. As a result, Plaintiffs have incurred additional transportation costs; and
- e. Plaintiffs have expended sums to maintain, store, insure, register, and other expenses for transportation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully demand judgment against Defendant for compensatory damages, treble damages, attorney fees, costs of suit, and any further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C By: JACQUELINE C. HERRITT, ESQUIRE Attorney for Plaintiffs

Attorney for Plaintiffs Executive Quarters 1930 E. Marlton Pike, Suite T11 Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 (856) 429-8334

JURY-DEMAND

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury as to all the issues

KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C. By: VE C. HERRITT, ESQUIRE JA Attorney for Plaintiffs

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R.4:15-1

Upon knowledge and belief I hereby certify that there are no other actions or arbitrations related to this suit pending or presently contemplated.

KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C. By CQUELINE C. HERRITT, ESQUIRE Attorney for Plaintiffs

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 56:8-20 Plaintiffs are mailing a copy of this Complaint to the Office

of the Attorney General, Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 West Market Street in the City of Trenton, County of Mercer, in the state of New Jersey on Jepter 31, 2004

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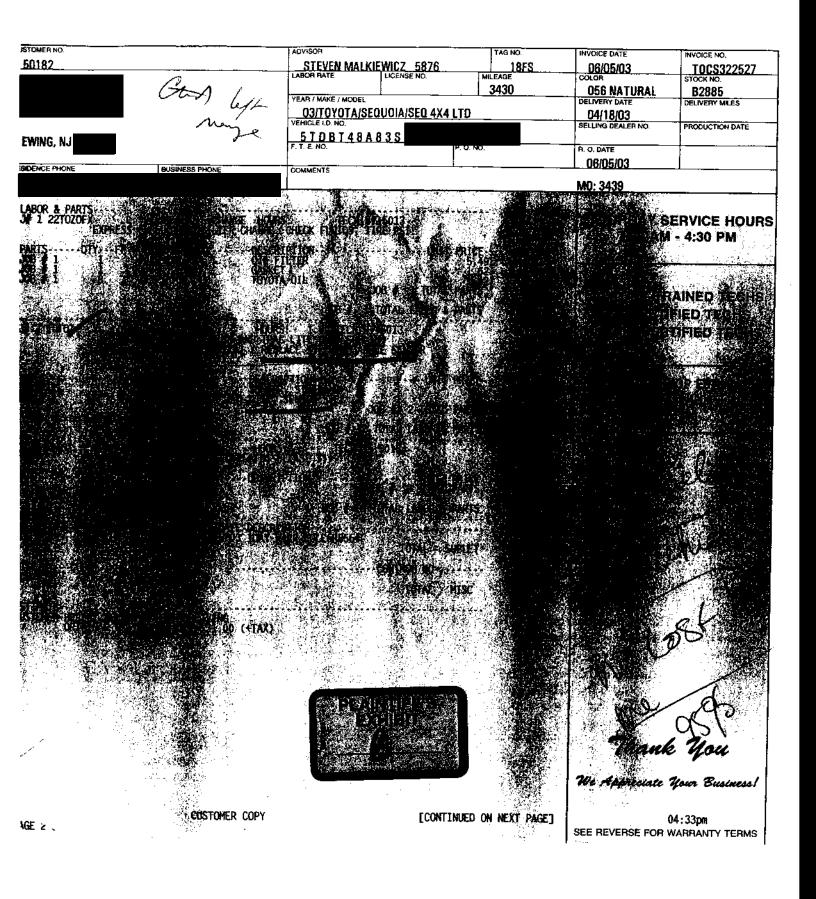
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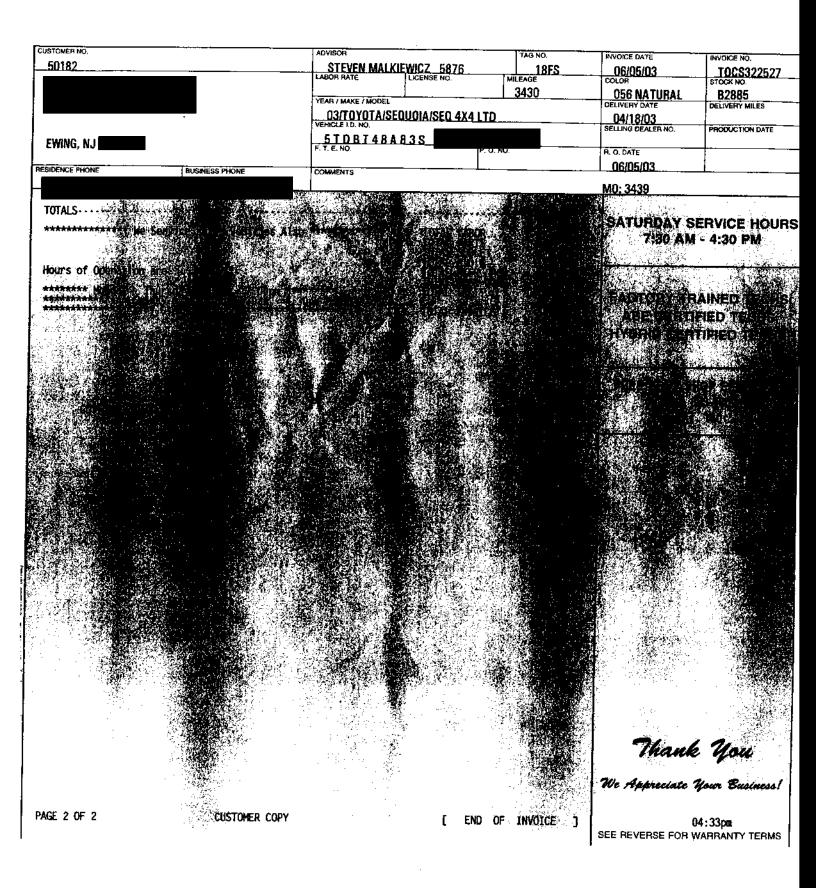






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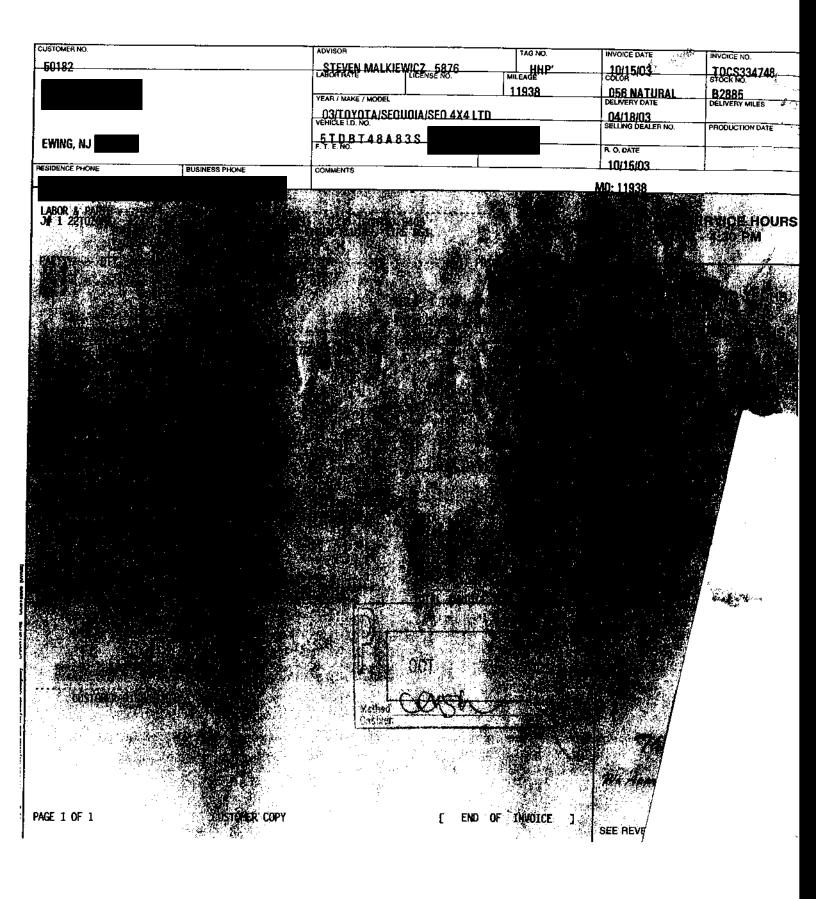






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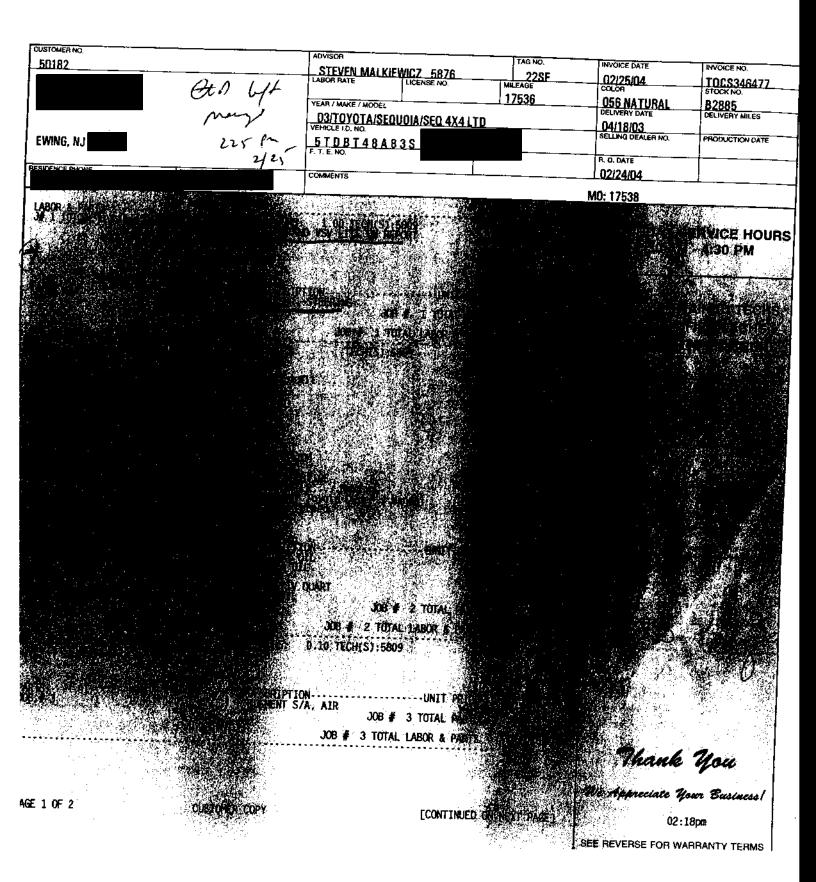






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