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Appendix E

Peer - Lawsuits and Claim



Action Detail

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Case:

VIN: 1FTWW33P55F Year: 2005

Name Owner Status: Original Symptom Desc: STRG/HANDLING FUNCTION LOSS OF STRG

Reason Desc: LEGAL - ACCIDENT

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL Issue Status: OPEN Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION PREVENTION-FD

Odometer: 22820 MI Action Date: 01/30/2006 Analyst Name: LEICH, CHERIE Comm Type: FAX

Action Time: 08:55:00:403

Analyst: CLEICH

Model: F-SERIES SUPER DUTY

WSD: 2005-02-24 Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

Dealer: SOUTHLAND FORD INC

P & A Code: 00333

Action Data: Yes

COMMENTS: *********PRODUCT LIABILITY*********FAX RECEIVED 1-30-06.DEALER CONTACT: CHRIS GOODMAN. CUSTOMER ALLEGES STEERING GEAR CAME APART, HE LOST STEERING AND BRAKES CAUSING

ACCIDENT.CUSTOMER REQUESTS CONTACT FROM FORD REPRESENTATIVE.

Update Issue Close Issue

OASIS Warranty History ESP/Recall

Keller, Kristian (P.)

From:

Cpform, D (D.)

Sent:

Monday, January 30, 2006 8:05 AM

To: Subject: Ordcalp, F (F.)

Dealer Request For Consumer Affairs Review

Dealer Request For Consumer Affairs Review - All Markets

Dealership Name: SOUTHLAND FORD Requesting Dealer: SOUTHLAND FORD Contact Person: CHRIS GOODMAN

Telephone: 229-567-3301

Email Address: cgoodman@mchsi.com

PA Code: 00333 Region: ATLANTA City: ASHBURN Dealer State: GA

Fax Number: 229-567-0524

WSD: 12/15/2004 Vehicle Year: 2005

Vehicle Model: FORD F350 SUPER DUTY

Vehicle VIN: 1FTWW33P55E

Mileage: 22820 Customer Nan

Street Address
City: ELLIJAY

City: ELLIJAY
State: Georgia

Zip Code: Home Pho Work Pho

Customer Region: 21 - Atlanta Incident Involves: Accident Date of Incident:

County in which incident occurred: TURNER

Is Alleging Defect: Yes

Alleging defect detail: STEERING GEAR CAME APART/LOSS STEERING AND BRAKES

Police Report Filed: No

Insurance Company Contacted: N Coach Builder State: AK - Alaska

Resolution Sought Detail: VEHICLE REPAIRED

Comments: CUSTOMER WAS UNHARMED. DAMAGE ESTIMATE INCLUDED

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THE STEERING GEAR BROKE CAUSING FAILURE OF STEERING AND FLUID LOSS LED TO LOSS OF ASSIST IN BRAKING DUE TO HYDROBOOST BRAKES. CHRIS GOODMAN SERVICE MANAGER SOUTHLAND FORD



REPAIR ORDER # 4252 LINE 01 DEALER: SOUTHLAND FORD 757 NORTH STREET ASHBURN, GA 31714 (229) 567-3301 P&A: 00333

ACTION	QTY		DESCRIPTION
REPLACE	1	STEERING GEAR 5C3Z3504AA 1.7 3504A 761.96	
REPLACE	1	BUMPER 5C3Z17757BA 1.2 17757A 350.82	
REPLACE	1	BUMPER COVER 6C3Z17D957BAPTM .8 17957A 205.26	
REFINISH		BUMPER COVER 1.8 P46	
REPLACE	1	FENDER F81Z16006AA 2.0 B16006 204.33	
REPLACE	2	TIRES 245/75/17 9004 69928 .4 1007AF 277.90	
		.4 1007AB	
REPAIR		LF DOOR 3.0 B20125	
REFINISH		LF DOOR 2.0 P18	
REPLACE	1	DECAL 5C3Z9925622BAA .4 B25622 30.17	
REPLACE	1	STRIPE 5C3Z2520001DAC 1.4 B52000 27.02	
REPLACE	1	STRIPE 5C3Z2520000DAC INC 27.02	
REPLACE	1	STRIPE 5C3Z26255A67CAB INC 19.94	
REPLACE	1	STRIPE 5C3Z26255A66CAB INC 19.94	
REPLACE	1	STRIPE 5C3Z25290D13BAB INC 24.84	
REPLACE	1	STRIPE 5C3Z25290D12BAB INC 24.84	
REPLACE	1	WHEEL 5C3Z1007BB INC 448.76	
TOTALS			
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BODY LABO	R	12.8 HRS@ 48.56 = \$621.57	

= \$2422.80 MECHANICAL LABOR 3.6 HRS @ 48.56 = \$174.81 BODY LABOR 12.8 HRS@ 48.56 = \$621.57 PAINT LABOR 9.4 HRS @ 48.56 = \$456.46 PAINT/MATERIALS = \$194.11

TOTAL ESTIMATE = @ \$3869.75

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Welcome, CHRISTOPHER GOODMAN Monday, January 30, 2006

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Dealer Request For Consumer Affairs Review - All Markets

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Dealer Request For Consumer Affairs Review

Note: this form is for RETAIL vehicles ONLY ****Fleet vehicles need to be referred to the North American Fleet Service Office @ 800-343-5338****

IMPORTANT - DO NOT PERFORM REPAIRS UNTIL AUTHORIZED!

Pursuant to the W&P Manual, the Service manager is required to complete a Dealer Request for Consumer Affairs Review form if he/she suspects legal action such as, alleged accidents or fires, may be taken. This form includes customer and vehicle information as well as a description of the customer's allegations.

Note: All fleids are required and must be filled in accordingly before submitting this form

NOTE: You also have the option of printing this form and then faxing the fully completed form to 313-845-5668 or 313-845-5555

DETAILS OF INCIDENT:

Dealership Name:

SOUTHLAND FORD

Requesting Dealer:

SOUTHLAND FORD

Contact Person:

CHRIS GOODMAN 229-567-3301

Phone Number: Email Address:

cgoodman@mchsi.com

P & A Code:

00333

Region:

ATLANTA

City:

ASHBURN

State:

GA - Georgia

Fax Number:

229-567-0524

CUSTOMER/VEHICLE INFORMATION:

WSD:

12/15/2004

Vehicle Year:

2005

Vehicle Model:

FORD F350 SUPER DU

Vehicle VIN:

1FTWW33P55E

Mileage:

22820

Customer Name:

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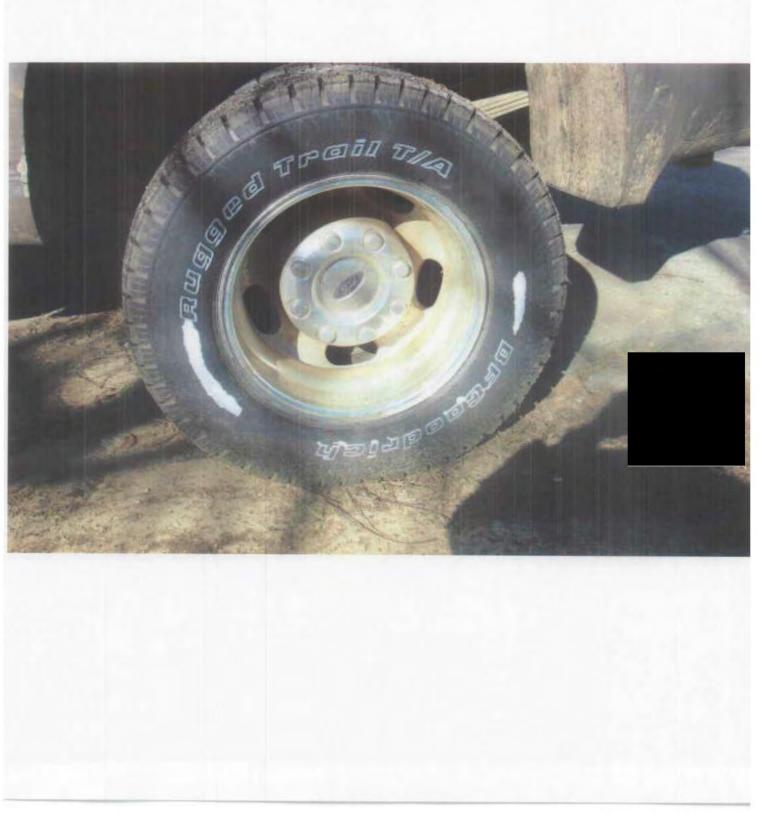
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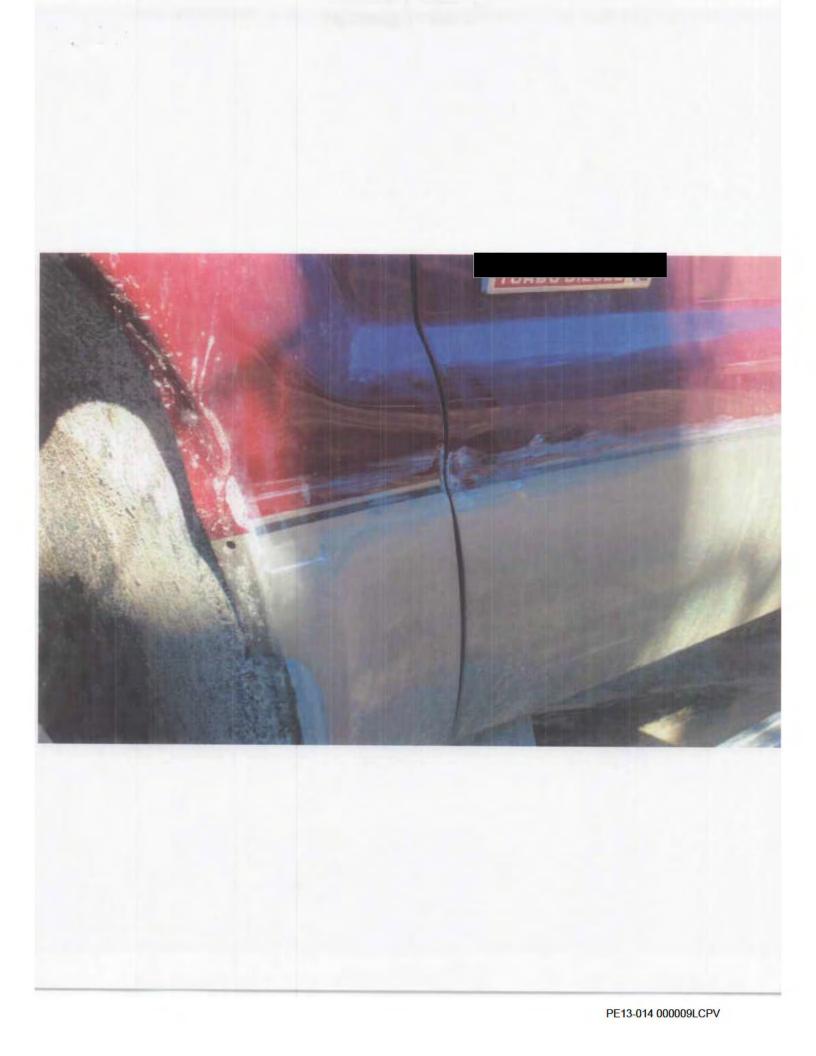
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Zip Code:	
Home Phone:	
Work Phone:	
Region: 2	1 - Atlanta
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THE LITIGATION ***NOTE: SEND	PREVENTION DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION REQUEST TO ALP@FORD.COM***
Incident Involves:	
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Date of Incident:	REP
	red: TURNER
County in which incident occur is customer alleging a compon	
CAUSED the incident:	Yes No
If yes, what type & details:	STEERING GEAR CAME
If no, refer to Escalated Concern I section of the Customer Handling	Handling APART/LOSS Roadman STEERING AND BRAKES
Was a police report filed:	Yes No
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If yes, where	
Has the insurance company be contacted:	en Yes No
What did the insurance company a	advise?
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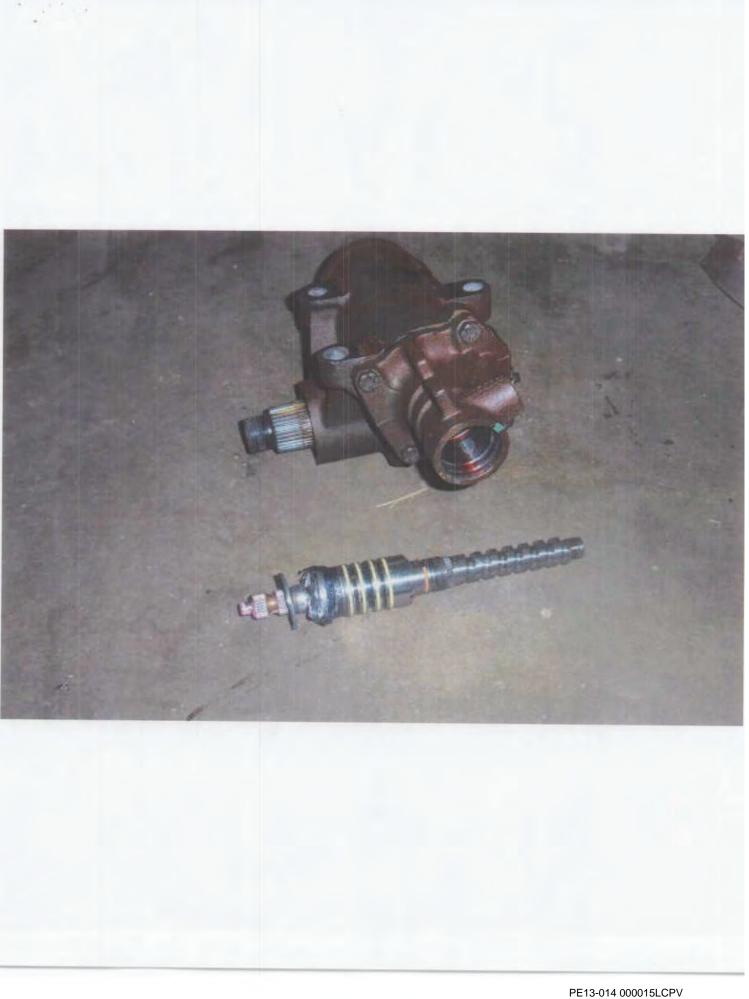














All Action Details for Issue

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Name:

Owner Status: Original

WSD: 2005-02-24

Symptom Desc: STRG/HANDLING FUNCTION LOSS OF STRG

Reason Desc: LEGAL - ACCIDENT

Primary Phone: Secondary Phone:

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

Issue Status: CLOSED

Action: OPEN LEGAL CONTACT - PRODUCT LIABILITY - ACCIDENT

Dealer: 00333 SOUTHLAND FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION-FD

Odometer: 22820 MI

Comm Type: FAX

Analyst Name: LEICH.CHERIE

Analyst: CLEICH

Action Date: 01/30/2006

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Data Element Name

Data Value

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ANALYST ID

WHILL2

Action: MAKE OUTBOUND CALL TO DEALER

Dealer: 00333 SOUTHLAND FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 22820 Mi

Comm Type: PHONE

Analyst Name: HILL, WANNETTA

Analyst: WHILL2

Action Date: 01/31/2006

Action Time: 12.15.40.918

Action Data: No

Comments LPA CONTACTED CHRIS GOODMAN AND DLR WILL TAKE PICTURES, PROVIDE INSPECTION REPORT

AND ESTIMATE ON DAMAGES

Action: REQUEST FOR VEHICLE INSPECTION - DEALER

Dealer: 00333 SOUTHLAND FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 22820 MI Analyst Name:

Comm Type: OTHER

HILL, WANNETTA

Analyst: WHILL2

Action Date: 01/31/2006

Action Time: 12.16.00.795

Action Data: No

Comments LPA CONTACTED CHRIS GOODMAN AND DLR WILL TAKE PICTURES, PROVIDE INSPECTION REPORT AND ESTIMATE ON DAMAGES

Action: MANAGEMENT APPROVAL OF OFFER

Dealer: 00333 SOUTHLAND FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 22820 MI

Comm Type: OTHER

Analyst Name: BOWERS

(MBOWERS), PEGGY

Analyst: MBOWERS

Action Date: 02/08/2006

Action Time:

10.02.27.595

Action Data: No

Comments MANAGEMENT APPROVAL OF VEHICLE REPAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,869.75.

Action: CLOSING COMMENTS - DEALER AUTHORIZATION CODE PENDING

Dealer: 00333 SOUTHLAND FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 22820 MI

Comm Type: FAX

Analyst Name: HILL, WANNETTA

Analyst: WHILL2

Action Date: 02/08/2006

Action Time: 11.46.24.882

Action Data: No

Comments LPA FAXED RELEASE AND OFFER LETTER TO CHRIS GOODMAN AT SOUTHLAND FORD, PER CHRIS, THE STEERING GEAR HAS ALREADY BEEN REPLACED UNDER WARRANTY.. DLR WILL TRY TO SUBMIT TIRES UNDER WARRANTY AS CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE. DUE TO ACCIDENT OCCURRING WHILE CUSTOMER WAS TRAVELING, THE BODY REPAIRS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CUSTOMER'S LOCAL DLR. LPA LEFT MESSAGE FOR SHAWN CARTER, SVC MGR, AT RONNIE THOMPSON TO CONTACT HER REGARDING THE BODY REPAIRS.

Action: UPDATE CONTACT STATUS

Dealer: 00333 SOUTHLAND FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 22820 MI Analyst Name:

Comm Type: EMAIL

HILL, WANNETTA

Analyst: WHILL2

Action Date: 04/12/2006 15.53.53.326

Action Time:

Action Data: No

Comments CUSTOMER WOULD NOT SIGN RELEASE AND SUBMITTED REPAIRS THORUGH HIS INSURANCE CARRIER. NOW PER STEVE AT RONNIE THOMPSON FORD, THE INSURANCE COMPANY IS SUBMITTING A SUBROGATION REQUEST. LPA ADVISED STEVE THAT SUBROGATION CLAIMS ARE HANDLED BY OGC. LPA PROVIDED STEVE THE SUBROGATION ADDRESS FOR ASSISTANCE.

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STANDARD CLAIMS LIST

AWS Online Report

Run Date: 05-MAY-2006

Note: All Costs are in US Dollars Server Name: AWS New Prod AWSPPRDDG

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Server Name: AWS New Prod AWSPPRDDG

Claim Detail Report

Note: All costs are in US dollars

Model Year = 2005; Claim Key = 3699893

Vehicle Information

Model Year: 2005

Market Derived: F - FORD

Body/Cab Type: T/BC - DOUBLE CAB (CREW CAB)

Version/Series: T/CD-350 SERIES

Drive Type: T/E-4 WHL L/H PART TIME DRIVE Vehicle Line: T/F7-F250HD/350/450/550 [99-07]

Warranty Start Date: 24-FEB-2005

Production Date: 15-DEC-2004

VIN: 1FTWW33P55F

Claim Information

Document Number:

Repair Date: 19-JAN-2006

Distance: 22820 TIS: 11

2001

Dealer Information:

Dealer Name SOUTHLAND FORD INC

Dealer Code: 00333 - *

Address: 757 NORTH STREET

City: ASHBURN

State: GA Zip Code:317145189

Country: USA Region Code: NA

Phone: (229)567-3301

Expense Information

Customer Paid Amount: 0

Deductible Amount: ()

Dealer Paid Amount: ()

Labor Cost: 131.11

Misc. Expense Amount: 0

Part Markup Amount: 388.38

Material Cost: 1233.48

Total Cost Gross: 1364.59

Cust. Concern Code: C50 - OTHER STEERING/HANDLING AND RIDE TROUBLES

Condition Code: 01 - BROKEN/CRACKED

Technician Comment: INSPECT AND FOUND SNAP RING THAT RETAINS STEERING GEAR INTACT FAILED. CAUSING LOSS OF POWER AND LOSS OF POWER STEERING FLUID CAUSED LOSS OF BRAKING DUE TO HYDROBOOST BRAKES SYSTEM. REPLACE STEERING GEAR AND TEST FOR LEAKS. OK. REPLACED DAMAGED LUG STUDS BENT DURING ACCIDENT. HAD TO CUT OFF STUDS. RENEW LUG NUTS AND LF AND LOR OUTSIDE TIRES DAMAGED ALSO. CUSTOMER TO HAVE COSMETIC REPAIRS FINISHED A

Customer Comment: CUSTOMER STATES LOSS OF STEERING CAUSED ACCIDENT

Labor Op Cod	le <u>Labor Op Description</u>	Labor Op Cost	
3504A	STEERING GEAR ASSEMBLY REMOVE AND INSTALL OR REPLACE	82.55	
1007AT	TIRE(S) REPLACE	48.56	

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Any comments? You can contact



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SOUTHLAND FORD, INC.

757 North Street Ashburn, GA 31714 229-567-3301 COMPLETE WRECKER SERVICE

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All Action Details for Issue

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VIN: 1FTWW33P55E

Year: 2005

Model: F-SERIES SUPER DUTY

Case:

Name:

Owner Status: Original

WSD: 2004-09-08 Primary Phone: 1

Symptom Desc: STRG/HANDLING FUNCTION

Reason Desc: LEGAL - ACCIDENT

Secondary Phon

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

Issue Status: CLOSED

Action: OPEN LEGAL CONTACT - PRODUCT LIABILITY - ACCIDENT

Dealer: 06727 BEACH FORDING

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION-FD

Odometer: 26705 MI

Comm Type: EMAIL

Analyst Name: LEICH, CHERIE

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Action Date: 03/20/2006

Action Time:

Action Data: Yes

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Data Element Name

Data Value

LFONSECA

ANALYST ID

Action: SEND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER TO CUSTOMER

Dealer: 06727 BEACH FORDING

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 26705 MI

Analyst Name: FONSECA, LOURDES

NEARON (L.C.)

Comm Type: MAIL

Analyst: LFONSECA

Action Time:

Action Data: No

Action Date: 03/22/2006

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Comments LPA CALLED THE DEALERSHIP, INSURANCE IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING, DEALERSHIP STATES THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT OCCURRED FIRST THE ACCIDENT OR THE MECHANICAL

FAILURE, LPA W/SEND LETTER.

Action: REFER TO INSURANCE CARRIER - INSURANCE COMPANY ALREADY INVOLVED

Dealer: 06727 BEACH FORDING

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 26705 MI

Analyst Name: FONSECA, LOURDES

Comm Type: MAIL

NEARON (L.C.)

Analyst: LFONSECA

Action Date: 03/22/2006

Action Time: 13.33.11.151

Action Data: No

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Office of the General Counsel

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Ford Motor Company Claims Department P.O. Box 70 Dearborn, Michigan 48121-0070

July 7, 2006

	•	e, NY 13212 LYNN KOENCK
RE:		nsured: Claim #: 03-11-2006
Dear M	vis. Koer	nck:
	we requ	acknowledge your recently submitted subrogation claim letter. In order to assist us in evaluating your est that you provide us with the following information: (Please note that the information requested is in ord manufactured vehicle.)
\boxtimes	1.	Attach your insured's statement with a complete description of the incident, including events that occurred prior to and subsequent to the loss. (See Attached)
\boxtimes	2. 3.	A copy of the police and/or fire report. (Not Available - UnK. if Report Done) Original color photographs of the vehicle's collision/fire damage & the alleged defective parts, from several different angles. (See Photos attached)
\boxtimes	4.	Original color photographs of the inside of the vehicle showing the steering wheel, dash and roof areas. (See Attached)
\boxtimes	5. 6. 7.	Original color photographs of the accident / fire scene from several different angles. (Not Available) Attach a copy of your expert's report and the expert's original color photographs. (No Expert Retained attach the repair estimate, repair order, or your total loss worksheet for the vehicle's damage and any losses associated with this incident, and
\boxtimes	8.	copies of draft payments. Attach the complete service history for the subject vehicle, including any tune-ups or oil changes. (Not Available)
form;	Pleas	e answer the following in the space provided. If you need additional space, please use the back of the

What was the city and state of occurrence: Partomouth, Virginia

Has the alleged defective part been repaired or replaced? (circle one) (Yes or No

What is the alleged defect: urang steering box installed by Manufacture

The 17 digit vehicle identification number: <u>IFT in in 133 P55 E</u>

14.	What is the current location of the vehicle, and the alleged defective part(s)?
	With our policyholder.
15.	List all after market additions or modifications that were made to the vehicle:
	- NIA
16.	Was the engine running? (circle one) (Yes) or No
17.	Were the keys in the ignition? (circle one) Yes or No
18.	Was this vehicle purchased new or used:
	If purchased used, provide the date of purchase, mileage at the time of purchase, and from whom
	the vehicle was purchased: Beach Ford, Aug 2004

Once we are in receipt of the requested information, it will be reviewed and you will be notified of our decision concerning your claim. Should you not send all of the requested information and materials within 90 days, we will assume that you are not interested in pursuing a claim and we will close our file. Please note that your vehicle will not be inspected until all the above information has been submitted and a determination has been made as to whether an inspection is warranted.

Please be advised that all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that the incident scene, the subject vehicle and all of its component parts are maintained and preserved. Ford Motor Company has the right to inspect the fire scene and the vehicle and remove and test any vehicle component part that you claim to be defective, and to be presented with the vehicle and the subject component part(s) at the time of trial, should litigation ensue from this informal claim.

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

Sincerely,

Andrew Chabot Claims Analyst

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Q:	This is Alice Smith interviewing
A: Q: A:	Yes.
Q: Mr	And today is Friday, May 19th, 2006, accident date. do I have your permission to take the recording?
A:	Yes.
Q:	Give me your complete name if you would, spell your first and last name?
Λ:	middle initial C, last name
Q:	Address with city and state?
A: a-p-e-	Um, address is, uh, a-k-e, Virginia, ZIP Code
Q:	Okay, what's the year, make, and model of the vehicle that you were driving?
A:	2005 F350 Ford Supra [inaudible] truck.
Q:	Have you had any problems with the vehicle before?

A: Um, let's see, oh, yes.

Q: Uh, was it, did you get a recall letter or anything regarding the parts?

A: No, [inaudible] not.

O: No?

A: No.

Q: Okay.

A: Well, you asked if I had any problems with the vehicle, you, you talking about the steering or you&

Q: Any prior problems with the vehicle?

A: Yes, yes, I've had problems with it before, yes.

Q: What kind of problems?

A: Uh, turbo charger, um, just a rear window not working, uh, brakes, um, just things like that.

Q: Was this under warranty?

A: Yes.

Q: And you never received a recall letter or anything about the part, right?

A: No.

Q: Okay, and when did you purchase your vehicle, do you remember?

A: Um, I think it was August of, uh, 2004 if I'm not mistaken, I, it could be a little bit, I mean was, um, like when the 2005, it was one of the first 2005's I think that hit the, uh, state of Virginia, I guess.

Q: Okay, have you had any prior accident, any prior collision?

A: No.

Q: Okay, now, tell me what happened?

A: Um, I was going down Airline Boulevard, uh, making a left hand turn, um, on, um, Winchester, uh, and going back to, uh, the chicken place there to get some lunch, and, uh, as I was making the turn, um, the, the. I just ran into the light pole right here and could not understand why I ran into the light pole. And, um, after the uh, collision took place, um, my knee went into the dash and that's bothering me now, and, when I got out of the truck at the time. I tried to make a phone call and the, um, fire department is right across the street and they came running over to ask, ask if I was all right, and I said, yeah, and, um, uh, they asked if, then they called the police.

The police came out and they decided that they didn't, I didn't know why I ran into the pole and they gave me a choice between a, a reckless driving ticket and, a, a having my doctor change my prescription or something, and, and so they gave me that and, uh, prior to the police man leaving, uh, when they got the truck started again to put it on the roll back, um, the fellow showed me that the steering wheel just spun around in circles. Well, then we knew, then I knew why I had run into the pole because I was trying to turn the truck and the truck wouldn't turn.

O: So, the wrecker, the tow truck, uh, the wrecker driver towed told you, did he tell you that there was a problem with the steering? No, it was, a, a fellow that I had called from my shop to come down, uh, and help load the truck and we had to find the im-, impact switch that cut the diesel off. So, we had to make a phone call to Beach Ford to find out where that was and when we were able to get the engine started again, found out that the steering was broken. It was just, uh, you, you spin the steering wheel, that's why I ran into the pole. It was, I was trying to make a left hand turn, but, the truck wouldn't turn, O: Okay, and after the vehicle got to, uh. Beach Ford, did, uh& No, before the [inaudible] vehicle got to the Beach Ford, I had the vehicle taken to, um, Steve's [inaudible]. a truck alignment. And there, they, uh, Nationwide had, well I think Nationwide had first sent, uh, Gary Owens down to look at the truck and he said, Mr. do you know that your, uh, steering is broken? And I said, yeah, that's what caused me to run into the pole. And, um, from that point, uh, um, I, well, let's see, first of all I went to Steve Fink's [phonetic], and Steve Fink checked the steering, wheels, alignment, everything out on the truck and found that there was no leaks, no, nothing. It was something in the gear box that had, had broken. Then the truck was taken to Beach Ford. To give Ford an opportunity to, uh, you know, to take care of it. That was under Gary Owens, um, said that we needed to give, uh, Ford a chance to do something. [Inaudible] with a letter to me from the, which I then called you and told vou. Have you understood all the questions I've asked you? O: I think so, yes. A: Q: Okay, so, was this recording done with your knowledge and your consent? A: Yes. Do I have your permission to turn off the recorder? O: A: Yes. This is Alice ending the interview with Mr. and the time is about 4:47 p.m. This is [inaudible] on Q: May 19th, thank you. [End of Recorded Statement.]



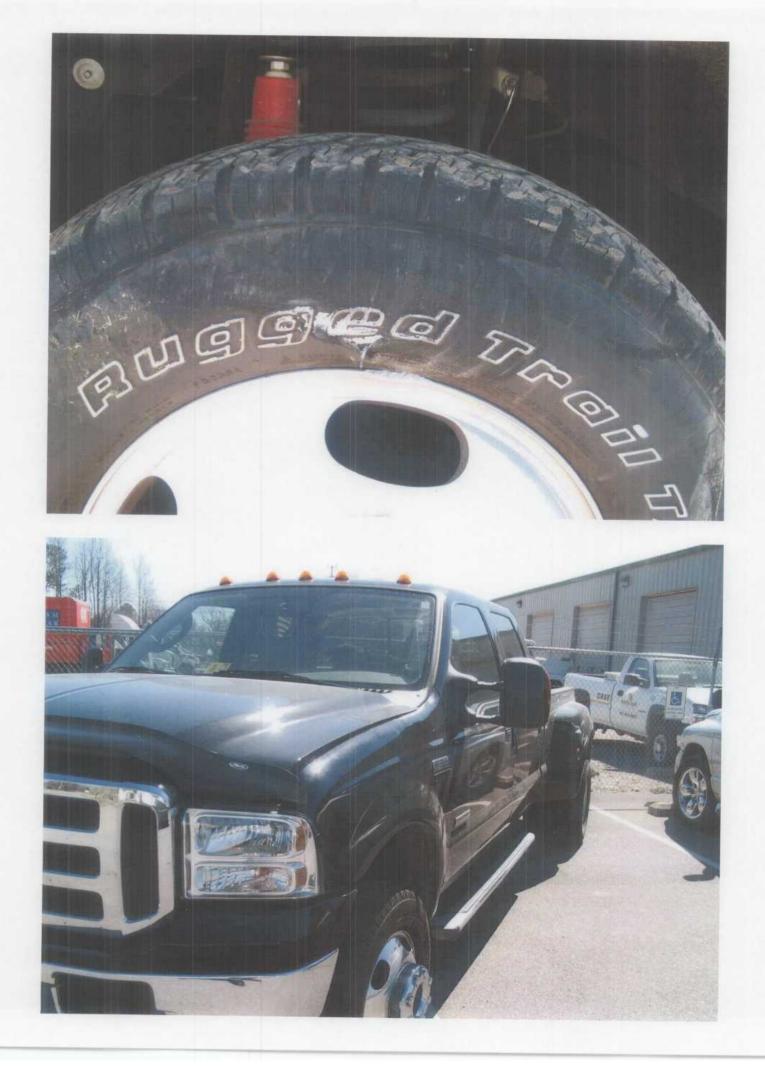










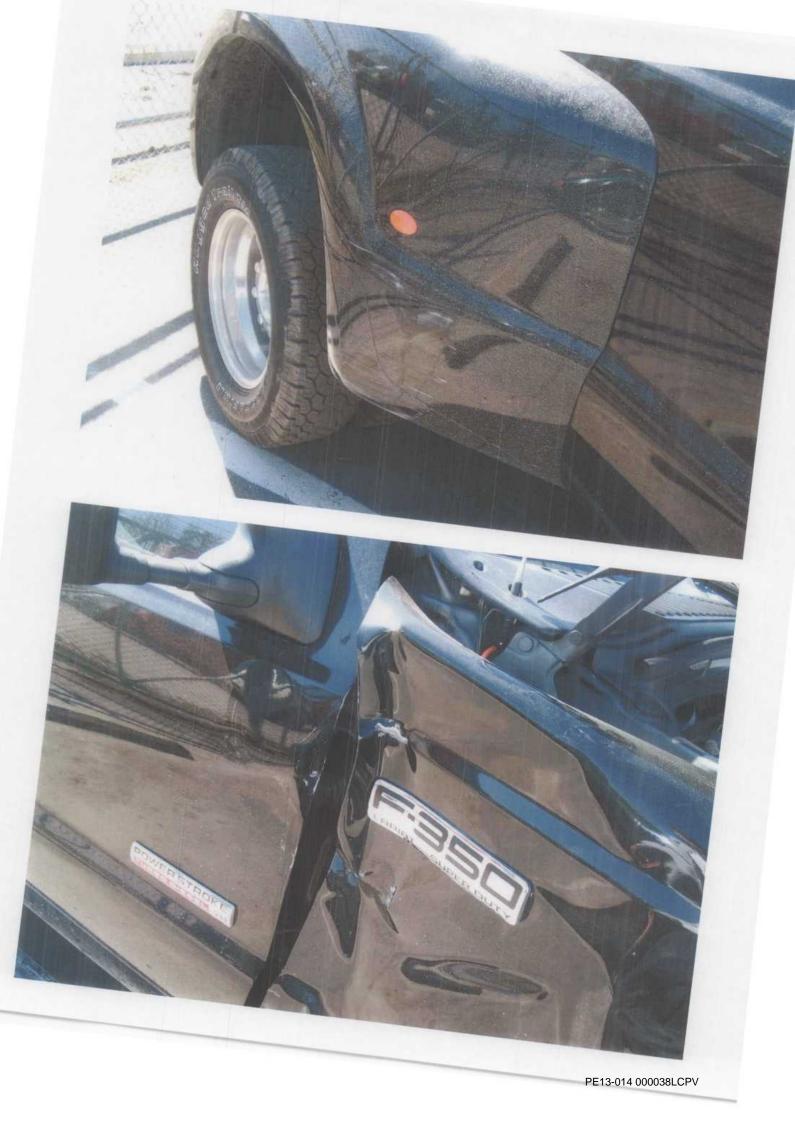




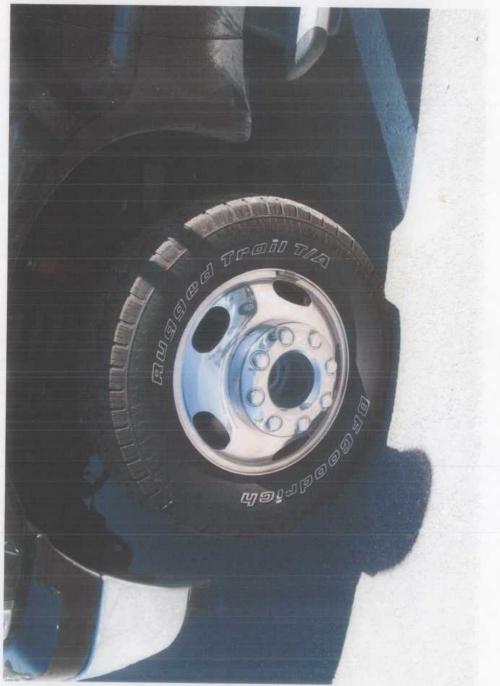






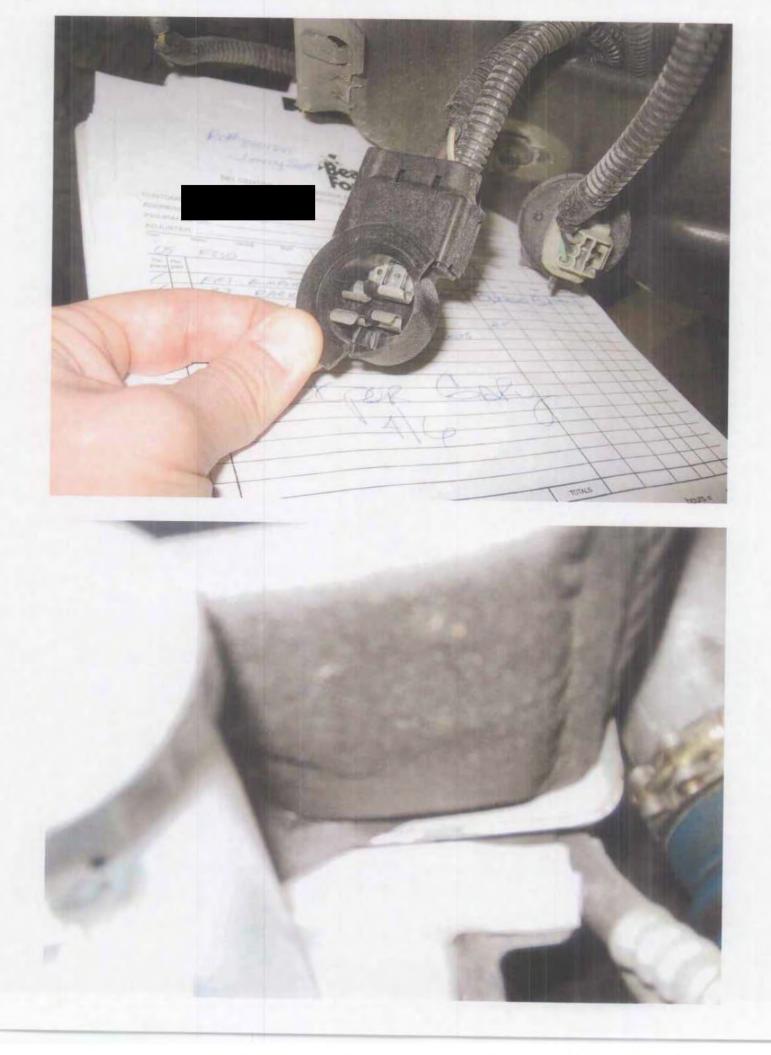








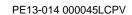
















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March 19, 2007

Ford Motor Company

P.O. Box 648

Dearborn, MI 48126

Certified Mail # 7005 1820 0007 9268 7448

RE:

Our Claim #:

Our Insured:

Date of Loss:

Amount:

01/19/07 \$8,167.34

Zurich North America

Dear Sir or Madam:

Recovery Center

P.O. Box 66944 Chicago, IL 60666-0944 Our investigation indicates that liability rests with you. Our cause and original engineer has confirmed a mechanical failure of the power steering box, thus resulting in this one vehicle accident.

Fax (847) 413-5991 http://www.zurichna.com After reviewing the enclosed subrogation documentation, please issue a draft in the amount of \$8,167.34.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Please include our claim number on all forms of communication.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Zurich American Insurance Company

Nancy Carter

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(214) 866-1628

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LM: This is Lisa Martins speaking from Zurich North America, claim number I'm speaking with regarding an incident that can you spell your, can you occurred on Mr. state and spell your name? DB: LM: And can you tell me, ah, can you tell me the time of the accident and the weather and everything? DB: Ah, the weather, it was clear, partly clear, partly cloudy. LM: Okay. The road condition was, ah, wet, ah, some slush. DB: LM: Okay. And what else did you ask me? DB: LM: Ah, the time of day? DB: Oh, the time of day, ah, it was at, ah, I think it was ten 'til one. LM: Okay, alright, and then what was the year, make and model of the vehicle you were driving? Ah, lord I don't even know. It was a 2000, ah, lord, I don't even know. It DB: was a 2000, it was a Ford. I don't' know what it was. It was a Ford, ah, flatbed. LM: Okay. DB: I guess a one-ton, crew cab, ah, ah. LM: Okay. DB: I think it was 2006, almost positive it was a 2006. LM: Alright, and who's the owner of the truck? DB: Ah, Salt Services Incorporated. Alright, did you have any passengers with you? LM: DB: Yes, I had one passenger.

LM: And can you tell me the location of the accident?

DB: Ah, Norwood, ah, no I don't know what county road it was on. It's in the, ah Dundee, Clearborne area, but I don't know what county road.

LM: Okay, that's fine. Were any other vehicles involved in the accident?

DB: No there was not.

LM: Can you tell me what happened and what lead up to the accident?

DB: Um, what happened, ah, I just came from lunch going back to location, ah, we were approaching a road we have traveled many times, but there's a, we are approaching a ninety degree turn in the road. Ah, before we got to that ninety, probably, oh, I'd say 100 feet, anywhere from eighty to a hundred feet, my steering wheel locked and I jerked on the steering wheel. Ah, it's a real bumpy road so I mean your steering wheel is constantly moving one way or another just a little bit.

LM: Uh-huh.

DB: So I knew it was locked. It wouldn't do anything and I jerked it and felt a pop and I, after that I had no control of the vehicle. The steering wheel was just freezed. It just wouldn't turn either way and I yelled out, "Hang on, we're not going to make the turn", I put my brakes on, I threw my brakes on, and just started sliding back in, we were on slush apparently, we started sliding a little bit so I let go of the brake and said, "I can't do anything, hang on", and at that time my partner braced himself and, ah, the curve, we, it's kind of slope or embankment on the right side.

LM: Uh-huh.

DB: So we were kind of traveling, ah, down, I can't explain this very well. I could show it, but, ah, the wheel did turn slightly, but that was because the grade not because of anything I could do.

LM: Okav.

DB: And we hit the ninety probably at a, I'm guessing, like a forty-five degree angle.

LM: Okay.

DB: At that point and the tires dug into the dirt off of the road and it kind of jumped and then the truck turned basically sideways and hit a fence sideways.

LM: Okay.

DB: So, ah, that's basically what happened.

LM: Alright, how often have you driven this truck?

DB: Ah, I've been on this job since the 12th of December, if I'm not mistaken, the 12th of December.

LM: Now did you drive that pick up all the time or?

DB: Every day.

LM: Okay.

DB: Yeah, six, sometimes seven days a week.

LM: Had you ever had any problems with this particular truck?

DB: Yes, ah, there's certain roads, it didn't happen on the time, there's four or five roads down here that, though they've kind of got, not really bumps, kind of bumps, indentations or something, there's certain roads, if you hit them just right, the front end would want to jump and jerk and, ah, I inquired about, at one point, you had to slow down, you had to hit the brake and slow down before it actually would, um, would do anything.

LM: Okay.

DB: You know, before you can regain your composure with the truck and, um, the stabilizer bar was replaced prior to this accident, about two weeks, a week and a half prior to this accident.

LM: Okay.

DB: So, ah, I mean, that's the only trouble we had. Surely nothing where the steering would lock up.

LM: When the stabilizer bar was replaced, did you have that done at a dealership under warrantee or did somebody else do it?

DB: Um, our maintenance mechanic, ah, put it on.

LM: Okay.

DB: He did not take it in to the shop, ah, we were working six days a week and there was not another truck and we were working twelve hours a day so the only way he could replace it was, ah, to replace it himself.

LM: Okay, do you know if this truck had had, ah, any warranty repairs or, ah, any recalls done on it?

DB: I honestly do not know.

LM: Okay.

DB: After the accident there was one thing I would like to mention. I don't know if it is relevant or not, it may be, but, ah, we looked for any type of fluid. There was no fluid any where around on the ground nowhere.

LM: Okay.

DB: And, um, but once they pulled it out, ah, we pulled it out, the tires had dug in the mud so we had to, you know, have the truck pull us out backwards, there was still no fluid. When they put it on the tow truck and raised it up, then fluid came out of the gearbox. I'm assuming the gearbox, something.

LM: Okay.

DB: So at that point we saw the fluid. Up until that point though, there was no fluid or anything on the ground.

LM: Uh-huh.

DB: There were several witnesses to, you know, even the, um, highway patrolman looked around.

LM: Alright, so the fluid came out on the tow truck?

DB: Pardon?

LM: The fluid came out on the tow truck?

DB: Yes, it came out when the tow truck actually raised the truck up to tow it off, that's when, there must have been some type of crack or something at that point. That's the only time, ah, fluid showed, when the (unintelligible) about three feet, two to three feet off the ground.

LM: Okay, well, I guess I'm going to go ahead and conclude this statement. Um, was anyone hurt in the accident?

DB: No. no one was hurt.

LM: Was...

DB: We wasn't going fast so.

Okay, were there any witnesses that stopped and helped you guys? LM: DB: Witnesses? LM: Uh-huh. No, well, there was a man that I worked for, ah, he works at DB: His name is LM: Okay. DB: Ah, he was behind and when he came up, walked up to me, he said, "Man, all I know, I said to myself, he ain't turning, he ain't turning", you know, and that's what he verbalized out to me and my partner, ah, and the highway patrolman. LM: Yeah, okay. DB: So. LM: And you said the police came out to the scene. Did they write and accident report? DB: Yes, the highway patrolman did write an accident report. LM: Okay, and did... DB: And he also did get in the truck and try the steering and all it done was just, you know, the steering wheel was just kept moving like it was broke. LM: Okay. DB: And, ah, he said, "It's been a long time since I've seen something like this", SO. LM: Okay, well, at this time we'll go ahead and, ah, end the statement. Have you understood all of my questions? DB: Yes I have. LM: Have all of your answers been true and correct to the best of your knowledge? DB: They certainly have. LM: Okay, and with your permission I'll turn off the recording. DB: Okay.

Certificate of Accuracy

This is to state that I, Lorraine Budden, transcribed the foregoing recorded statement and completed it on June 3, 2007 and have herein rendered a complete and accurate transcription of the auditory contents of the recorded statement to the best of my ability.

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STANDARD CLAIMS LIST

AWS Online Report

Run Date: 20-JUL-2007

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Claim Detail Report

Note: All costs are in US dollars

Model Year = 2006; Claim Key = 3282018

Vehicle Information

Model Year: 2006

Market Derived: F - FORD

Body/Cab Type: T/BC - DOUBLE CAB (CREW CAB)

Version/Series: T/CD-350 SERIES

Drive Type: T/E-4 WHL L/H PART TIME DRIVE Vehicle Line: T/F7-F250HD/350/450/550 [99-08]

Warranty Start Date: 15-FEB-2006 Production Date: 22-OCT-2005

VIN: 1FDWW37P36F

Claim Information

Document Number:

Repair Date: 18-JAN-2007

Distance: 28571

TIS: 12

Expense Information

Dealer Information:

Dealer Name LIBERTY FORD

Dealer Code: 09554 - *

Address: 3800 NORTH MAIN

City: CLEBURNE

State: TX Zip Code:76033

Country: USA Region Code: NA

Phone: (817)558-9998

Customer Paid Amount: 0

Deductible Amount: 0

Dealer Paid Amount: 0

Labor Cost: 239.87

Misc. Expense Amount: 0

Part Markup Amount: 99.59

Material Cost: 348.57

Total Cost Gross: 588.44

Cust. Concern Code: H21 - STEERING HAS EXCESSIVE FREE PLAY/WANDER

Condition Code: 33 - LOOSE PART

Technician Comment: REPLACED INNER TIE ROD, LF AND RF OUTER TIE RODS AND DRAG

LINK AND LEAKING STEERING DAMPER. PERFORM ALIGNMENT

Customer Comment: CK FRONT END LOOSE

Labor Op CodeLabor Op DescriptionLabor Op Cost3130ACEND ASSEMBLY (SPINDLE CONNECTING ROD) AND OR
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February 21, 2007

Ms. Lisa Martin Zurich Insurance P.O. Box 610787 Dallas, TX 75261

Insured: Claim #: Our File #:

Dear Ms. Martin:

This report represents the findings of Goodson Engineering in the examination of a vehicle with a reported steering gear failure.

Background Information:

On January 18th 2007, a 2006 Ford F350 flat bed truck belonging to the insured, Chalk Services, failed to navigate a curve and wrecked into a ditch. It was reported that the steering wheel on the vehicle locked as the driver was approaching the curve. Allegedly, the driver jerked the steering wheel when it locked and as a result was able to loosen the steering wheel but with no response from the front wheels. Subsequently, the vehicle went off the road and into a ditch. It was reported that at the accident scene the officer noted the steering wheel spun freely with no response from the front wheels. Prior to the accident, November 1st 2006, the truck was taken to Liberty Ford in Cleburne,TX because of complaints of a loose front end. During this service inspection the front tires were replaced and the dealership noted that the tire rods, steering damper, and drag link were worn and recommended they be replaced. These parts were ordered but the truck had not been brought back to the dealership to complete the service prior to the accident. This, is extent of details we know concerning the history of the vehicle.

Findings:

On February 19^{th,} 2007 the undersigned inspected the vehicle at the Liberty Ford dealership (See Photo Log). The vehicle was a 4 door Ford F350 XL Super Duty,

VIN #1FDWW37P36E

The date of manufacture was October 2005 and the mileage on the vehicle was 28571. The steering gear box, a recirculating ball design, had been removed and replaced by the dealership (See Photo Log). It appeared that the original pitman arm had been reinstalled on the new gear box. The intermediate steering shaft connecting the steering wheel to the input stub shaft of the gear box appeared original and in good condition. The tie rod, drag link, and damper on the steering system had also been replaced. The upper and lower ball joints on the front two wheels also appeared original and in good condition. There was no notable damage to the frame of the truck.

There was visible damage to the passenger side of the vehicle. The passenger side headlight cover had been broken and front fender had a dent in it. The most severe body damaged was on the front passenger side door and door jam. A large dent was noted in the front passenger door and the rear passenger door had been pushed back.

The dealership had retained the old steering gear box. The gear box had no apparent damage to the exterior. The teeth on the input stub shaft were in good condition, there was no sign of excessive wear. The input stub shaft could be rotated fairly easily by hand and the output pitman shaft did not respond to the rotation. The gear box was not opened in order to preserve its state, however, inspection of the power steering fluid ports revealed internal damage (See Photo Log).

Service records from the dealership were retained at the time of inspection. The old tie rods, damper, and drag link were not retained by the dealer and were unable to be inspected by the undersigned.

Discussion:

It is apparent the gear box has failed. The stub input shaft on the steering gear box is no longer communicating with the output pitman shaft of the box. It is not clear what caused the failure internal to the gear box. To determine the cause of failure would require destructive examination of the box itself. Without determining the cause of failure internal to the box it is unclear what role the reportedly worn drag link, tie rods, and damper played in the failure of the gear box. Since the damage to the box is internal the end user would have no access to it unless he/she were to tamper with it. It does not appear that the gear box has been tampered with. If this claim were to be further pursued the parties responsible for the manufacture of the gear box should be notified of the intent of destructive examination.

Conclusion:

A Ford F350 XL Super Duty that had reportedly wrecked as a result of a failed power steering gear was inspected to determine the cause of failure. At the time of inspection the gear box had been replaced on the vehicle along with the tie rods, damper, and drag link. Examination of the gear box revealed a failure

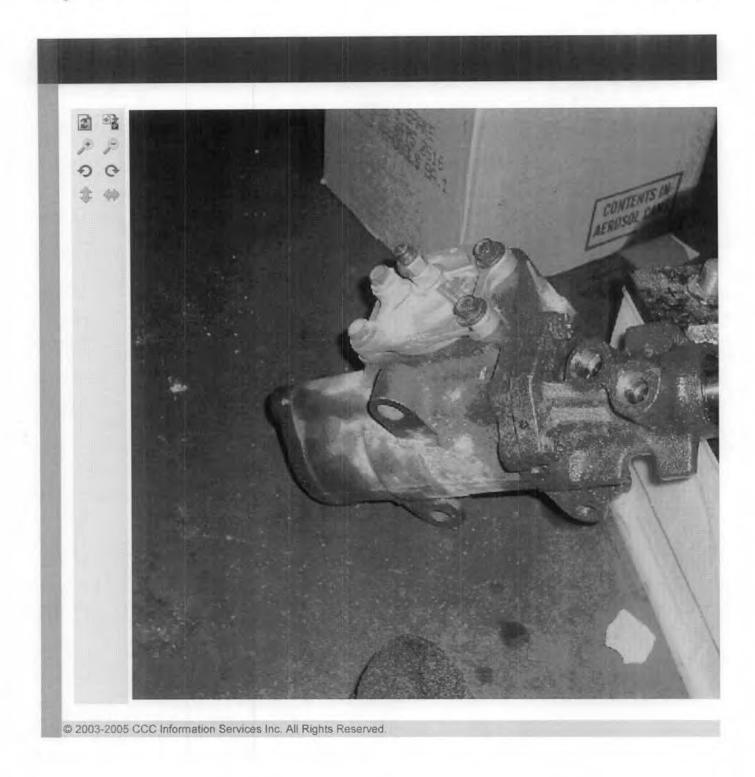
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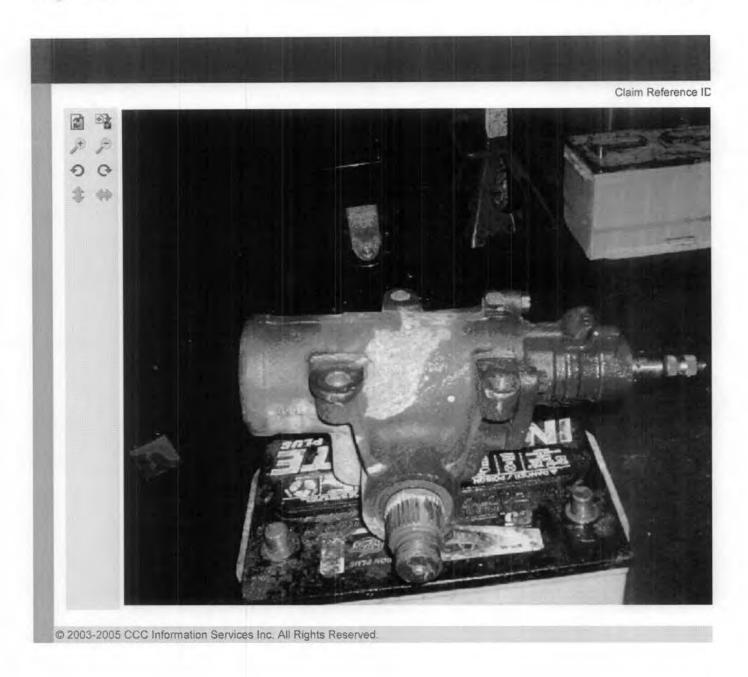
Respectfully submitted,

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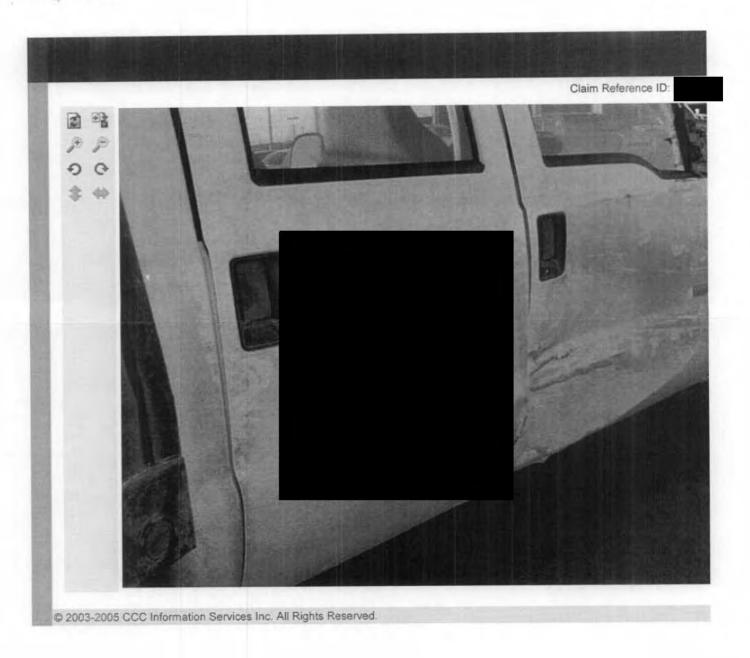
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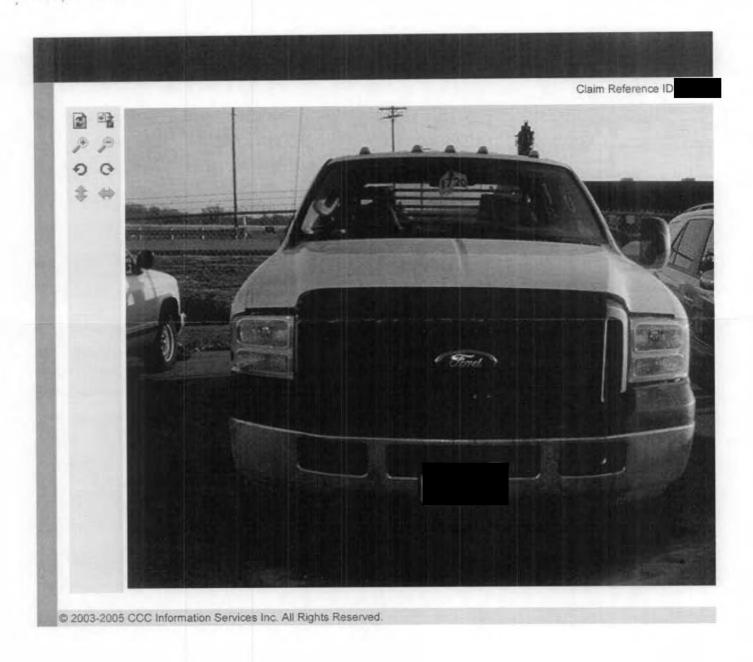




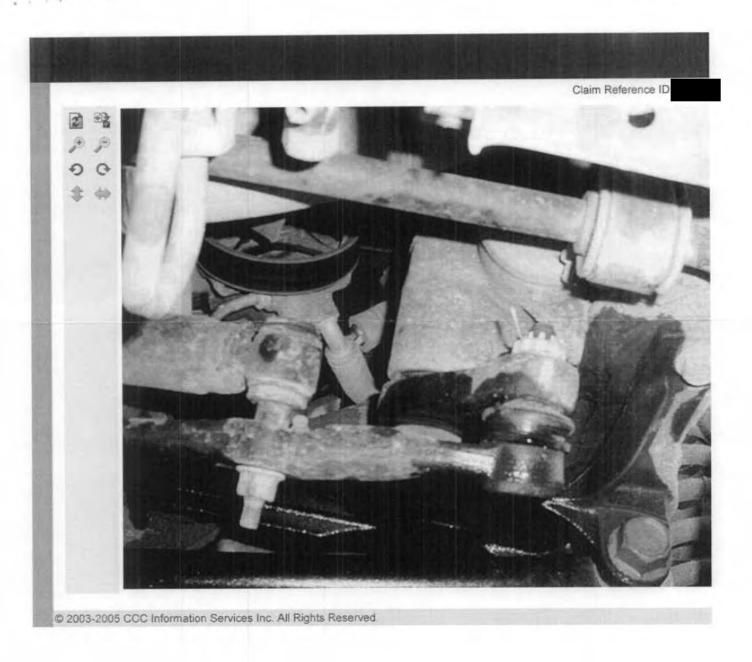
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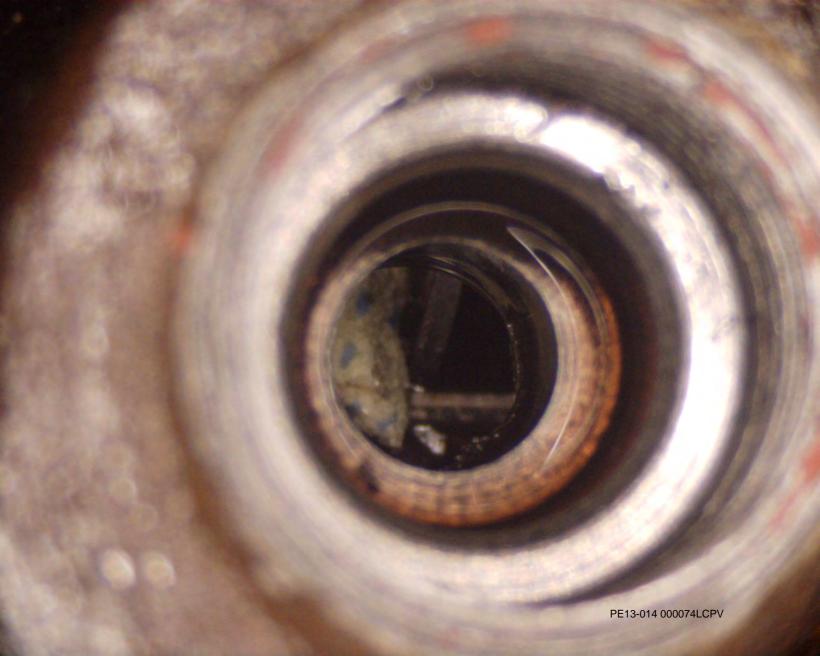
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKYDATE 2-15-08

PERRY CIRCUIT COURT ROGER D. COLLINS
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BY: D.C.

Civil Action No.

PLAINTIFF

D.C.

DEFENDANTS

MOUNTAIN FORD, INC. Serve: Kenneth M. Durkin 107 Rockwood Lane P.O. Box 857

Hazard, KY 41702-0857

and

VS.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
Serve: C T Corporation System
Kentucky Home Life Bldg.
Louisville, KY 40202

Thereby cartify this is to be a true and correct copy. Witness my hand and seal this the 15 day of Aug 20 DB Roger D. Collins, Clerk Circuit & District Court Perry County, Hazard, Kentucky By August Adams D.C.

COMPLAINT

Come the Plaintiff, (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), by counsel, and for its Cause of Action against the Defendants, Mountain Ford, Inc. and Ford Motor Company (hereinafter "Defendants"), state as follows:

- The Plaintiff, is a duly organized Kentucky
 Corporation organized under the laws of this Commonwealth.
- The Defendant, Mountain Ford, Inc., is a duly organized Kentucky
 Corporation organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, with a principal place of

business address located at 107 Rockwood Lane, P.O. Box 857, Hazard, Kentucky 41702-0857.

- 3. The Defendant, Ford Motor Company (hereinafter "Ford Motor"), is a foreign corporation duly authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with a process agent of C.T. Corporation System, Kentucky Home Life Building, Room 1102, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, is the manufacturer of the below described motor vehicle, and is engaged in the business of manufacturing motor vehicles for sale, including to the general public.
- At all times material and relevant hereto, City of Hazard was the owner of the 2006 Ford 250 pickup truck, Vehicle Identification No. 1FTNF21546E
- At all times material and relevant hereto, the Plaintiff had in full force and effect a policy of motor vehicle insurance for and on behalf of the City of Hazard for the 2006 Ford 250 pickup truck.
- 6. On August 20, 2007, City of Hazard delivered its 2006 Ford 250 to Mountain Ford, Inc. to have the motor vehicle serviced for front end shimmy. Prior to the delivery of the vehicle to Mountain Ford, Inc., Ford Motor Company had on May 10, 2007, issued technical service bulletin 07-10-10 that the vehicle needed service due to known defects causing steering problems.
- 7. On August 21, 2007, after servicing was complete by Mountain Ford, Inc., Bobby Holland, an employee of City of Hazard, picked up the 2006 Ford 250 from Mountain Ford, Inc. and was driving the 2006 Ford 250 when the steering sector box malfunctioned so as to cause the 2006 Ford 250 to come into contact and collide and strike a 2003 Nissan Pickup owned by Arthur Brashear.

- 8. The accident occurred without any negligence or failure by the Plaintiff, or its insured, City of Hazard.
- The Defendant, Mountain Ford, Inc., failed to exercise ordinary skill and care in repairing the 2006 Ford 250 owned by the City of Hazard.
- 10. Defendant, Mountain Ford, Inc., intentionally and with malice misrepresented to City of Hazard that Defendant had properly repaired the 2006 Ford 250 when the Defendant knew that it had not done so.
- Defendant, Mountain Ford, Inc., breached its contract with the Plaintiff's insured to repair the City of Hazard's 2006 Ford 250.
- Defendant, Mountain Ford, Inc., breached its warranty to the Plaintiff that
 Mountain Ford Inc. had properly repaired the Plaintiff's 2006 Ford 250.
- Defendant, Mountain Ford Inc., was negligent in failing to properly repair the Plaintiff's 2006 Ford 250.
- 14. This above described accident, and the circumstances surrounding from which it arose, could not have occurred in the absence of failure to exercise ordinary skill and care, misrepresentation, breach of contract, breach of warranty and/or negligence on the part of the Defendant, Mountain Ford, Inc.
- 15. The Defendant, Ford Motor Company, impliedly and/or expressly warranted and represented the 2006 Ford 250 Pickup Truck, as described above, to be fit for use for personal transportation as a reasonable person would expect to use and operate a motor vehicle of this type.
- 16. The Defendant, Ford Motor Company, has breached and/or violated any and all implied and express warranties including the implied warranties of

merchantability and of fitness for particular purpose and certain contractual and express warranties provided with delivery of the motor vehicle.

- The subject accident resulted from a manufacturing and/or design defect on the part of the Defendant, Ford Motor Company.
- 18. This above-described accident, and the circumstances surrounding from which it arose, could not have occurred in the absence of negligence, design in defect and/or breach of warranty on the part of the Defendant, Ford Motor Company.
- 19. As a direct and proximate result of the above-described accident, the Plaintiff's insured, City of Hazard, suffered a diminution in the fair market value of its 2006 Ford 250 pickup truck in the estimated amount of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and 92/100 Cents (\$4,782.92).
- 20. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned accident, Plaintiff, paid on behalf of its insured the amount of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$15,283.00) for property damage to the other vehicle involved in this accident.
- 21. The Plaintiff, is entitled to recover from the Defendants, Mountain Ford, Inc. and Ford Motor Company, the total amount of Twenty Thousand Sixty Five Dollars and 92/100 Cents (\$20,065.92), which it has paid and is estimated to pay as a result of the Defendants' acts as aforesaid.
- 22. Plaintiff, is entitled to recover amounts expended pursuant to its contract of insurance with City of Hazard as a result of Defendants' acts from the Defendants and pursuant to common law subrogation.

- Defendants are jointly and severely liable for their acts resulting in the August 21, 2007, motor vehicle accident.
- It is appropriate for the Court to award the Plaintiff punitive damages,
 along with other damages.

WHEREFORE, the demands judgment against the Defendants, Mountain Ford Inc. and Ford Motor Company, in the total amount of Twenty Thousand Sixty Five Dollars and Ninety Two Cents (\$20,065.92); preand post-judgment interest; costs herein expended; and for any and all other relief to which they may appear entitled.

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF, KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES

4848-4671-28341/7921 00031

All Action Details for Issue

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VIN: 1FTNF21546E

Year: 2006

Owner Status: Original

Model: F-SERIES SUPER DUTY WSD: 2006-11-27

Case:

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Symptom Desc: STRG/HANDLING FUNCTION

Reason Desc: LEGAL - ACCIDENT

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

Issue Status: CLOSED

Primary Phone Secondary Phone:

Action: OPEN LEGAL COANTACT - PRODUCT LIABILITY - ACCIDENT

Dealer: 02009 MOUNTAIN FORD INC.

Action Date: 09/26/2007

Comm Type: INBOUND EMAIL-OTHER

Odometer: 138 MI Analyst Name: TAYLOR (ATAYLO29), ALMA

Analyst: ATAYLO29

Action Time: 09.44.08.892

Action Data: No

Origin Desc: OGC - CLAIMS

Comments **LPA RECEIVED A DEALER REQUEST FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REVIEW FORM SUBMITTED BY K. BEATY, ZM, 800 380-3880. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, IT'S ALLEGED THAT THE STEERING BOX CAME APART ALLOWING THE STEERING GEAR TO BACK OUT OF THE BOX, THE STEERING MECHANISM FAILED, VEHICLE WENT OUT OF CONTROL, AND COLLIDED WITH ANOTHER VEHICLE. INCIDENT DATE: MOUNTAIN FORD, P/A: 02009, RECEIVED A LETTER FROM COLLINS & COMPANY INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CITY OF HAZARD. AS A RESOLUTION, THEY ARE SEEKING MONIES THEY HAVE OR WILL PAY FOR THE ACCIDENT. THE LETTER, DATED 9-18-2007, ALSO STATED THAT THIS VEHICLE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LETTER.

Action: MAKE OUTBOUND CALL TO OTHER

Dealer: 02009 MOUNTAIN FORD INC

Odometer: 138 MI

Analyst Name: TAYLOR (ATAYLO29), ALMA

Action Date: 09/26/2007

Comm Type: INBOUND FAX-OTHER

Analyst: ATAYLO29

Action Time: 09.46.04.702

Origin Desc: OGC - CLAIMS

Action Data: Yes

Comments **LPA SPOKE TO K. BEATY, SHE CONFIRMED THE ISSUE INFORMATION AND FORWARDED A COPY OF THE COLLINS & CO LETTER TO LPA.

Data Element Name

Data Value

CONTACT PERSON

K. BEATY

Action: REDIRECT TO OGC - OTHER

Dealer: 02009 MOUNTAIN FORD INC Odometer: 138 MI

Analyst Name: TAYLOR (ATAYLO29), ALMA

Action Date: 09/26/2007

Comm Type: OUTBOUND MAIL-OTHER

Analyst: ATAYLO29

Action Time: 09.47.59.289

Action Data: No

Origin Desc: OGC - CLAIMS

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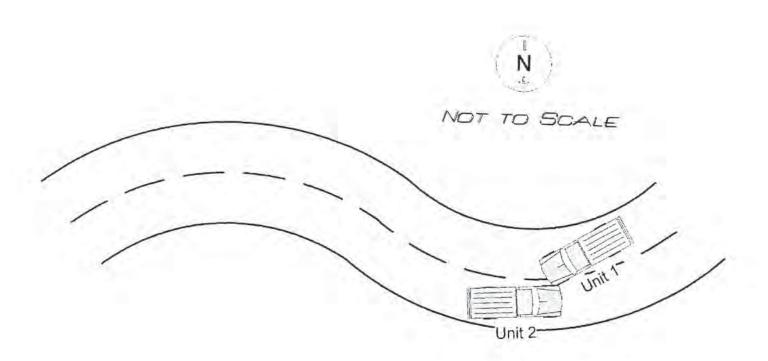
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Mountain Ford, Inc.

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P.O. BOX 857

HAZARD, KENTUCKY 41702-0857 TELEPHONE: (606) 436-5239



CUSTOMER # HAZARD, KY HOME

WORKORDER REPRINT PAGE 2

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EXCLUSION OF WARRANTIES

Any warrenties on the parts and accessories sold hereby are made by the manufacturer. The undersigned purchaser understands and agrees that dealer makes no warranties of any kind. express or implied, and disclaims all warranties, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, with regard to the parts and/or accessories purchased; and that in no event shall dealer be liable for incidental or consequential damages or commercial losses arising out of such purchase. The undersigned purchaser further agrees that the warranties excluded by dealer, include, but are not limited to any warranties that such parts and/or accessories are of merchantable quality or that they will enable any vehicle or any of its systems to perform with reasonable safety, efficiency, or comfort.

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I hordby authorize the repair work herein set forth to be done along with the necessary material and agree that you are not responsible for loss or damage to vehicle or articles left in vehicle in case of the, theft or any other cause beyond your control or for any delays caused by unavailability of parts or delays in parts stigments by the supplier or transporter, thereby grant you and/or your employees permission to operate the vehicle herein described on streets highways or elsewhere for the purpose of testing and/or inspection. An express mechanic's lien is never acknowledged on above vehicle to secure the amount of repairs thereto. The dealership is not responsible for damages from freezing due to lack of antifreeze.

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CUSTOMER SIGNATURE

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Office of the General Counsel

PRIVILEGED & CONFIDENTIAL

Ford Motor Company Parklane Towers West 3 Parklane Blvd. Suite 300 West Dearborn, MI 48126-2568

October 4, 2007

Collins & Company 112 W Court, Suite 203 Prestonburg, KY 41653 ATTENTION: Beth Moore

RE:

Your Insured:

Your Claim #:

DOL:

August 21, 2007

Dear Ms. Moore:

We acknowledge your recently submitted subrogation claim letter dated September 18, 2007. In order to assist us in evaluating your claim, we request that you provide us with the following information (Please note that the information requested is in regard to the Ford manufactured vehicle.)

Attach your insured's statement with a complete description of the incident, including events that occurred prior to and subsequent to the loss. 2. A copy of the police and/or fire report. Original color photographs of the vehicle's collision/fire damage & the alleged defective parts, from several different angles. ~ 4. Original color photographs of the inside of the vehicle showing the steering wheel, dash and roof areas. ~ 5. Original color photographs of the accident / fire scene from several different angles. Attach a copy of your expert's report and the expert's original color photographs. 6. 7. Attach the repair estimate, repair order, or your total loss worksheet for the vehicle's damage and any losses associated with this incident, and ~ copies of draft payments. 8. Attach the complete service history for the subject vehicle, including any tune-ups or M oil changes.

Please answer the following in the space provided. If you need additional space, please use the back of the form;

9,	What was the city and state of occurrence: Hazard KY
10.	The 17 digit vehicle identification number: 1 FT NF21546E
11.	What was the mileage at time of occurrence: 20,715
12.	What is the alleged defect: Stering Sector bix CAINE Apart CHUSING A loss
13.	Has the alleged defective part been repaired or replaced? (circle one) Yes or No Court of And
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14.	What is the current location of the vehicle, and the alleged defective part(s)?
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	If purchased used, provide the date of purchase, mileage at the time of purchase, and from whom
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Once we are in receipt of the requested information, it will be reviewed and you will be notified of our decision concerning your claim. Should you not send all of the requested information and materials within 90 days, we will assume that you are not interested in pursuing a claim and we will close our file. Please note that your vehicle will not be inspected until all the above information has been submitted and a determination has been made as to whether an inspection is warranted.

Please be advised that all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that the incident scene, the subject vehicle and all of its component parts are maintained and preserved. Ford Motor Company has the right to inspect the fire scene and the vehicle and the fire scene and remove and test any vehicle component part that you claim to be defective, and to be presented with the vehicle and the subject component part(s) at the time of trial, should litigation ensue from this informal claim.

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

Sincerety.

Micki Lynn Claims Analyst

Mickey



Collins & Company, Incorporated

112 West Court, Suite 203

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 Phone: (e-mail: pburg@collinsandco.com

Phone: (606) 886-1967

Fax (606)886-1334

September 18, 2007

Mr. Kenneth Durkin MOUNTAIN FORD, INC. P. O. Box 857 Hazard, KY 41702-0857



FORD MOTOR COMPANY

CT Corporation System KY Home Life Building Louisville, KY 40202

RE: Claim Number:

Insured: Claimant:

Date of Loss:



8/21/2007

Dear Sirs:

We are the claims representatives for the who insure the On September 21, 2007, a motor vehicle accident occurred involving a 2006 Ford F250 pickup truck (VIN 1FTNF21546E). During this incident, the steering mechanism of the vehicle failed and the vehicle went out of control, colliding with another vehicle, causing substantial damage to both vehicles. Our review and inspection of this matter reveals that the steering box came apart, allowing the steering gear to back out of the box.

We are therefore looking to you for monies we have or will be called upon to pay in reference to this matter. Please bring this letter to the attention of your insurance representatives and have them contact me to arrange inspection of the vehicle as soon as possible.

We will make this vehicle available for inspection for a period of 30 days from the date of this letter.

September 18, 2007 Page Two

Sincerely,

Beth Moore Claims Adjuster

Cc:

From: dcpform@ford.com [mailto:dcpform@ford.com]

Sent: Monday, September 24, 2007 2:11 PM

To: Ordcalp, F (F.)

Subject: Dealer Request For Consumer Affairs Review

Dealer Request For Consumer Affairs Review - All Regions

Dealership Name: Mountain Ford Requesting Dealer: Kenneth Durkin Contact Person: Kenneth Durkin Telephone: 1-800-3803880

Telephone: 1-600-3603660

Email Address: kbeaty4@ford.com PA Code: 02009

Region: Cincinnati City: Hazard Dealer State: KY

Fax Number: 606-436-4765

WSD: 11/27/2006 Vehicle Year: 2006 Vehicle Model: F250

Vehicle VIN: 1FTNF21546E

Mileage: 138 Customer Nan Street Address City: Hazard

State: Kentucky

Zip Code: Home Pho

Work Phone: unknown

Customer Region: A1 - Select Dealer

Incident Involves: Accident
Date of Incident:

9/25/2007

County in which incident occurred: unknown

Is Alleging Defect: Yes

Alleging defect detail: alleges steering box came apart allowing steering gear to back out of the box, the steering mechanism of the vehicle failed and the vehicle went out of control, colliding with another vehicle

Police Report Filed: Yes Police Report detail: unknown Insurance Company Contacted: Y

Insurance Company Advice: looking to Mountain Ford and Ford Motor Company for monies we have

or will be called upon to pay in reference to this matter

Insurance Company Contact Information: Beth Moore, Claims Adjuster, Collins & Company Inc.,

112 West Court, Suite 203, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, (606) 886-1967

Coach Builder: no

Coach Builder State: AK - Alaska

Resolution Sought Detail: monies we have or will be called upon to pay in reference to this matter Comments: per dealership, truck operated by City of Hazard, may be serviced by City service personnel; Zone Manager Karen Beaty has attached OASIS report showing no warranty repairs performed on vehicle and no TSB, no FSA, no advisories of any kind regarding steering

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DONAN ENGINEERING CO., INC. 997 FLOYD DRIVE, SUITE 160 LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40505 (859) 381-1007

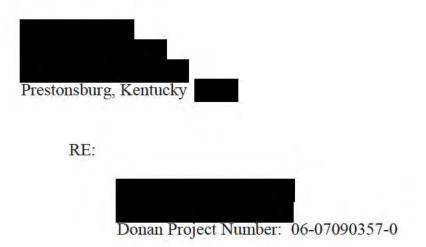
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HERB GOFF, P.E., P.G., C.F.E.I. SENIOR FORENSIC ENGINEER J. Lyle Donan, P.E. President



CORRESPOND TO: 997 Floyd Drive, Suite 160 Lexington, Kentucky 40505 (859) 381-1007 (859) 381-1586 fax

October 19, 2007



Dear Ms. Moore:

At your request, on September 14, 2007, a study was made on a vehicle owned as referenced above. At the time of our study the vehicle was located at Amos Walker Body Shop in Hazard, Kentucky. The purpose of the study was to determine if a mechanical problem led to an accident. Mr. was present to point out areas of concern and provide firsthand information. This letter, with the attached photographs, is a summary report of our findings and conclusions. Additional details and photographs have been retained in our project file.

Description of Vehicle

For purposes of this report, the driver's side of the vehicle will be considered to be the left and the hood the front. The vehicle is a blue 2006 Ford pickup truck model F250 and has Kentucky license plate (Photographs 1 through 5). The vehicle identification number is 1FTNF21546E (Photograph 6). At the time of our study the vehicle's odometer read 20,715 (Photograph 7).

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Background

Mr. relayed driving the vehicle down a county road when he became unable to steer around a curve. He struck an on-coming vehicle before coming to rest at the outer edge of the highway.

Mr. also indicated the vehicle had just been picked up from the local Ford dealer, Mountain Ford, Inc., for a shimmy problem. He said that at highway speeds, when hitting a bump, such as driving off a bridge onto the roadway, the steering wheel would shimmy. He reported no other problems or work being performed on the vehicle prior to the crash.

Site Study

Inside the vehicle there are no encumbering floor mats or loose objects which might have interfered with the floor controls (Photograph 8). The brake pedal has adequate space above the floorboard when firmly depressed and does not "leak down", as would occur if there were a problem with the braking system (Photograph 9). The steering wheel turns freely in either direction (Photograph 10).

Under the hood there is no evidence of impact damage (Photographs 11 and 12). The brake fluid reservoir has adequate fluid (Photograph 13). The power steering/hydraulic fluid reservoir is empty (Photographs 14 through 16).

Study of the steering sector box revealed copious amounts of an oily fluid in the vicinity (Photograph 17). In addition, the worm gear has backed out the sector box (Photograph 18).

Study of the impact area revealed somewhat minor damage to the left fender and left side of the grill (Photograph 19. The lip of the left front steel wheel is bent, but the tire remained inflated (Photograph 20). Study beneath the vehicle did not reveal damaged or disconnected suspension or steering components (Photographs 21 through 23).

Discussion with Mr. Alex Combs, service manager with Mountain Ford, Inc., indicated they followed the recommend procedure for servicing the known shimmy in the subject vehicle. This included the procedure outlined in Technical



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Service Bulletin (TSB) 07-10-10. A review of this bulletin did not reveal that it included disassembly of the steering sector box.

Compilation

Based on Mr. statement, he was driving in a normal manner on a public roadway when he lost the ability to steer. Subsequent to the accident, the steering sector box was found to have come partially apart, rendering the steering system inoperable.

Summary of Conclusions

In summary, based on what is known at this time, we are of the opinion that:

- The steering sector box came apart, causing a loss of directional control and resulting in the accident
- There is no evidence that the accident caused this condition.

We appreciate your confidence in our professional services.

Sincerely, DONAN ENGINEERING CO., INC.

Herb Goff, P.E., P.G., C.F.E.I. Senior Forensic Engineer

Attachment





Photograph001.JPG: General view showing the front and right side of the vehicle.



Photograph002.JPG: Front and left side.



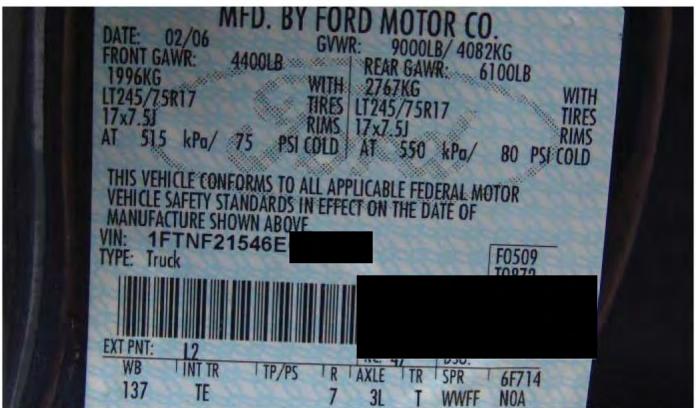
Photograph003.JPG: Left side and rear.



Photograph004.JPG: Rear and right side.



Photograph005.JPG: License plate.



Photograph006.JPG: VIN decal.



Photograph007.JPG: Odometer.



Photograph008.JPG: General view showing the driver's area.



Photograph009.JPG: Brake pedal depressed.



Photograph010.JPG: Moving the steering wheel freely.



Photograph011.JPG: Right side of the engine bay.



Photograph012.JPG: Left side of the engine bay.



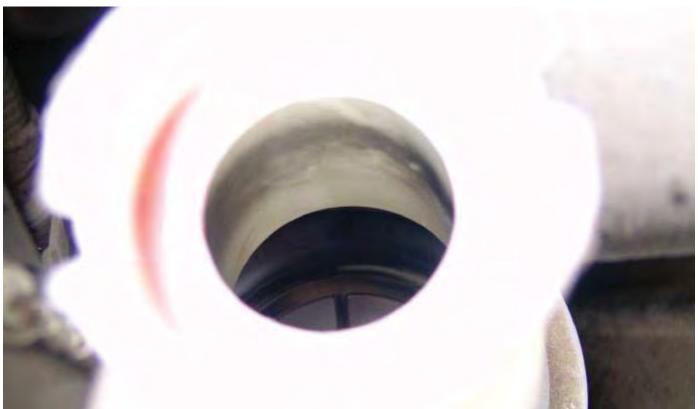
Photograph013.JPG: Brake fluid reservoir.



Photograph014.JPG: Top of steering fluid reservoir.



Photograph015.JPG: Looking into the power steering fluid reservoir.



Photograph016.JPG: Empty.



Photograph017.JPG: Oily substance around sector box.



Photograph018.JPG: Worm gear partially out of sector box.



Photograph019.JPG: Left side damage.



Photograph020.JPG: Damage to wheel



Photograph021.JPG: Steering undamaged.



Photograph022.JPG: Pitman arm and drag link in place.



Photograph023.JPG: General view showing steering components intact and without damage.

COMPANY

DATE OF REPORT : 08/31/2007 DATE OF LOSS :

POLICY NUMBER CLAIM NUMBER

ADJUSTER NAME : Beth Moore

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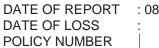
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ADJUSTER NAME

: Beth Moore

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August 31, 2007

FORD MOTOR COMPANY Office of General Counsel Attn: Shawn Norton Parklane Towers West 3 Parklane Blvd., Suite 400 Dearborn, MI 48126

Re: Warranty claim for accident damage

Dear Mr. Norton:

SEP 1 0 2007

On July 12, 2007, a 2006 Ford F-350 (VIN # 1FDWW36Y76E) owned by the suffered a steering system failure that resulted in body damage to the vehicle and property damage to a fence owned by the A copy of the Montgomery Police Department accident report and photos are attached for your review.

The vehicle in question was transported to Montgomery Ford Lincoln Mercury, 4000 Eastern Blvd., Montgomery, Ala., for inspection and repairs. The authorized Ford dealership replaced the steering gear under warranty and paid the tow bill from the scene of the accident to their shop. A copy of the warranty repair is attached for your review.

Contact was made with Ford Consumer Affairs through the dealership on August 13, 2007. A Ms. Alma Taylor informed us that since Ford Consumer Affairs was not given an opportunity to inspect the vehicle prior to repairs being accomplished, that all claims would have to be referred to your office for handling.

As previously mentioned, when the steering gear failed the truck could not be controlled by the driver which resulted in an impact with a chain-link fence. The accomplished repairs to the truck in question in our City-owned body shop. The body repairs totaled \$499.27. A copy of the repair work orders and material receipts are attached for your review.

Repairs to the chain-link fence, having been repaired by the \$295.71. A copy of labor and materials email is attached for your review.

103 NO. PERRY STREET • MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104
POST OFFICE BOX 1111 • MONTGOMERY, AL 36101-1111 • TELEPHONE (334) 241-2050 • FAX (334) 241-2310

By copy of this letter, the sis presenting Ford Motor Company with a claim for damages totaling \$794.98. As mentioned above, it is the contention of the City of Montgomery that the automobile physical damage and property damage to the chain-link fence resulted from the warranted failure of the Ford steering gear assembly.	
We are respectfully requesting that you issue a check in the amount of \$794.98, payable to the and forward the check to the attention of the Montgomery, AL Please indicate our claim number the check.	n
Thank you for your attention to this matter and please contact me or my law clerk, John Craft, should you have any questions.	
Sincerely, Michael D. Boyle Staff Attorney	
Cc:	
MDB/jcc	



Office of the General Counsel

PRIVILEGED & CONFIDENTIAL

Ford Motor Company Parklane Towers West 3 Parklane Blvd. Suite 300 West Dearborn, MI 48126-2568

September 26, 2007 2007-257

Montgomery, A ATTENTION:

RE:

Your Insured:

Your Claim #:

DOL:

July 12, 2007

Dear Mr. Boyle:

We acknowledge your recently submitted subrogation claim letter dated August 31, 2007. In order to assist us in evaluating your claim, we request that you provide us with the following information (Please note that the information requested is in regard to the Ford manufactured vehicle.)

 \boxtimes Attach your insured's statement with a complete description of the incident, including events that 1. occurred prior to and subsequent to the loss. A copy of the police and/or fire report. 2. 3. Original color photographs of the vehicle's collision/fire damage & the alleged defective parts, from several different angles. 4. Original color photographs of the inside of the vehicle showing the steering wheel, dash and roof areas. 5. Original color photographs of the accident / fire scene from several different angles. Attach a copy of your expert's report and the expert's original color photographs. 6. 7. Attach the repair estimate, repair order, or your total loss worksheet for the vehicle's damage and any losses associated with this incident, and copies of draft payments. \boxtimes Attach the complete service history for the subject vehicle, including any tune-ups or 8. oil changes.

Please answer the following in the space provided. If you need additional space, please use the back of the form:

9.	What was the city and state of occurrence: Montgomery, Alabama.
10.	The 17 digit vehicle identification number: IFDWW36Y76E
11.	What was the mileage at time of occurrence: 15, 296
12.	What is the alleged defect: Steering System TailVIE
13.	Has the alleged defective part been repaired or replaced? (circle one) Yes or No
	By Montgomery Ford LM, wider warranty

What is the current location of the vehicle, and the alleged defective part(s)?
In service, Montgomery, Alabama
List all after market additions or modifications that were made to the vehicle:
Was the engine running? (circle one) Yes or No
Were the keys in the ignition? (circle one) Yes or No
Was this vehicle purchased new or used: Wew
Was this vehicle purchased new or used: \(\sum_{\rho_w} \) If purchased used, provide the date of purchase, mileage at the time of purchase, and from whom

Once we are in receipt of the requested information, it will be reviewed and you will be notified of our decision concerning your claim. Should you not send all of the requested information and materials within 90 days, we will assume that you are not interested in pursuing a claim and we will close our file. Please note that your vehicle will not be inspected until all the above information has been submitted and a determination has been made as to whether an inspection is warranted.

Please be advised that all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that the incident scene, the subject vehicle and all of its component parts are maintained and preserved. Ford Motor Company has the right to inspect the fire scene and the vehicle and the fire scene and remove and test any vehicle component part that you claim to be defective, and to be presented with the vehicle and the subject component part(s) at the time of trial, should litigation ensue from this informal claim.

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

Sincerely,

Micki Lynn Claims Analyst

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All Action Details for Issue

Print

VIN: 1FDWW36Y76E

Year: 2006

Model: F-SERIES SUPER DUTY

Case:

Symptom Desc: STRG/HANDLING FUNCTION

Owner Status: Original

WSD: 2006-01-30

Reason Desc: LEGAL - ACCIDENT & PERSONAL/PROPERTY

Primary Phone: Secondary Pho

DAMAGE

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

Issue Status: CLOSED

Action: OPEN LEGAL COANTACT - PRODUCT LIABILITY - ACCIDENT

Dealer: 06309 MONTGOMERYFORD LINCOLN MERCURY

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 15286 MI

Comm Type: INBOUND EMAIL-

OTHER

Analyst Name: TAYLOR (ATAYLO29), ALMA

Analyst: ATAYLO29

Action Date: 08/13/2007

Action Time: 09.05.19.313

Action Data: No

Comments **LPA RECEIVED A DEALER REQUEST FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REVIEW FORM SUBMITTED BY BART SHAFFER, MONTGOMERY FORD, P/A: 06309, PH: 334 613-5023. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, THIS VEHICLE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT ON 7-12-2007. THIS VEHICLE SUSTAINED DAMAGE TO THE RIGHT FENDER AND DOOR, A CITY PARK CHAIN LINK FENCE WAS ALSO DAMAGED. MONGOMERY FORD COMPLETED STEERING GEAR REPAIRS.

Action: MAKE OUTBOUND CALL TO DEALER

Dealer: 06309 MONTGOMERYFORD LINCOLN MERCURY

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 15286 MI

Comm Type: PHONE

Analyst Name: TAYLOR (ATAYLO29), ALMA

Analyst: ATAYLO29

Action Date: 08/13/2007

Action Time: 09.06.08.476

Action Data: No

Comments **LPA LEFT A VM MSG FOR BART REQUESTING A RETURN PHONE CALL.

Action: DENY ASSISTANCE - REFER TO INSURANCE CARRIER

Dealer: 06309 MONTGOMERYFORD LINCOLN MERCURY

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 15286 MI Analyst Name: TAYLOR Comm Type: PHONE

(ATAYLO29), ALMA

Analyst: ATAYLO29

Action Date: 08/13/2007

Action Time: 14.00.50.518

Action Data: No

Comments **BART SHAFFER CONFIRMED THAT STEERING GEAR REPAIRS HAD BEEN PERFORMED ON 7-13-2007.---LPA EXPLAINED TO BART AND JOE HICKS, CITY OF MONTGOMERY SAFETY DIRECTOR, THAT SINCE REPAIRS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PERFORMED, LPA IS UNABLE TO INVESTIGATE. LPA SUGGESTED INSURANCE SUBROGATION AS A POSSIBLE OPTION.

Ford Confidential

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Montgomery Ford LM
4000 Eastern Blvd.
Montgomery, AL 36116
Tolophone: (334) 613-5000

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Claim Detail Report

Model Year = 2006 **Claim Key** = 4096177

Vehicle Information

Model Year: 2006

Market Derived: F - FORD

Body/Cab Type: T/BC - DOUBLE CAB (CREW CAB)

Version/Series: T/CD-350 SERIES

Drive Type: T/B-2 WHL L/H REAR DRIVE Vehicle Line: T/F7-F250HD/350/450/550 [99-08]

Warranty Start Date: 30-JAN-2006 Production Date: 20-JAN-2006

VIN: 1FDWW36Y761

Dealer Information

Dealer Name MONTGOMERY FORD LINCOLN MERCUR

Dealer Code: 06309 - *

Address: 4000 EASTERN BYPASS

City: MONTGOMERY

State: AL Zip Code:36116 Country: USA Region Code: NA

Phone: (334)500-5000

Claim Information
Document Number:

Document Number: 03706501

Repair Date: 13-JUL-2007

Distance: 15286

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Cust. Concern Code: H22 - STEERING REQUIRES EXTRA OR UNEVEN EFFORT

Condition Code: 42 - DOES NOT OPERATE PROPERLY

Technician Comment: CK STEERING & SUSPENSION FOUND STEERING GEAR INPUT SHAFT AND CLOCK SPRING BROKEN

REPLACE STEERING GEAR AND CLOCK SPRING ROAD TEST TO VERIFY REPAIR

Customer Comment: SUSPENSION/BRAKES C/S THE STEERING IS NOT WORKING WILL NOT TURN?? WAS TOWED IN

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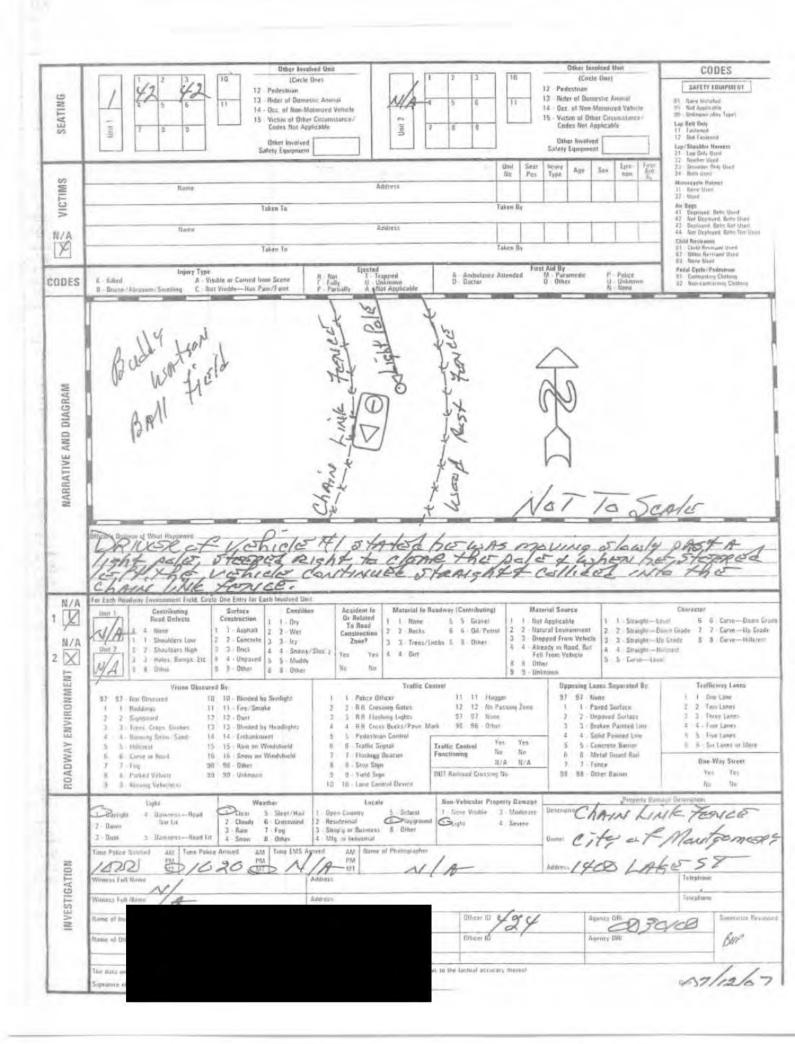
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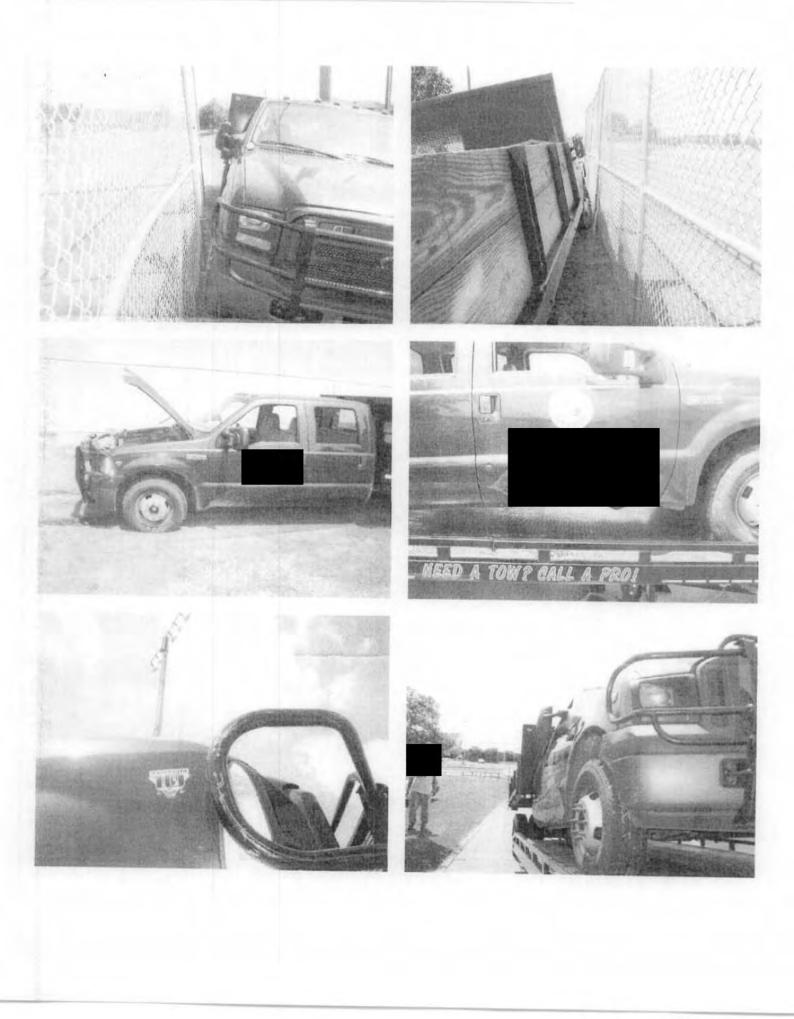
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14056D	AIR BAG RESTRAINT SYSTEM DIAGNOSIS
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Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois Central Region Claums 3637 South Geyer Road Sunset Hills, MO 63127 July 18, 2006 General Council Three Paklane Blvd, Parklane Towers West Office300 Dearborn, MO 48126 Insured Name: Policy Number

Mailing Address P.O. Box 461 SL Louis, MO 63166

(800) 332-3226 (800) 332-3226 (888) 268-8840

Loss Date:

May 31, 2006

Claim Number

Dear Mr

2006 Ford F250. On May 24th of 2006 our This letter is in regards to our insured burchased his 2006 Ford F250 from Joe Machen Ford. Our insured was driving his vehicle on 05/31/06 and the steering gear box went out causing our insured to loss control of his vehicle and go into a ditch which caused body damage to his vehicle. Safeco sent Centro Inspection out to view Mr. 2006 Ford F250 completed an inspection. Centro Inspection confirmed that there was internal Failure/Defect of the steering gear box causing loss of control and collision damages to the 2006 Ford F250. Joe Machen Ford is stating that we need to fax a letter to Shawn Morton so he can send an Engineer out to view Mr. Please contact Mr o make arrangements to inspect his vehicle. Also contact Betty Malone at 636-825-8125 to discuss. Vin number 1FT5x21P26F

Sincerely,

Betty Malone

Central Region Claims

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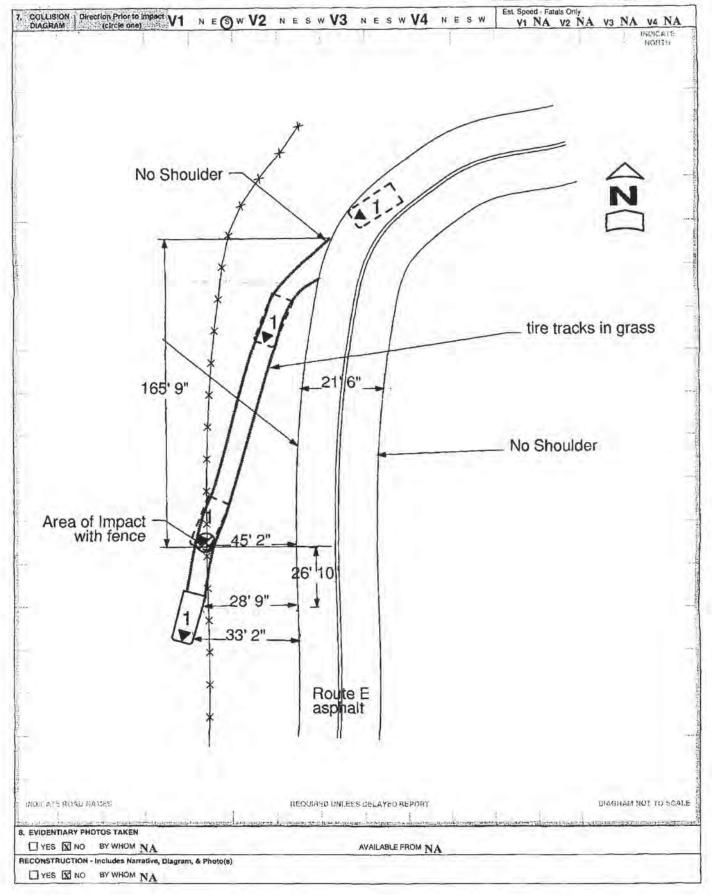
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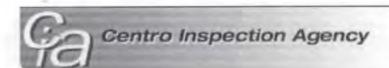
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9 - CODES SEAT LOCATION	INJURY	TRANSPORTED	EJECTIO	IN T	A	RAG		AIR BA	AG	-	_	SI	AFETY DEV	ICES	
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10 - DRIVERS															
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27 - COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE (Complete for each	commercial veh	Icle Involved.)					
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28 - NARRATIVE / STATEMENTS (If additional room is n	ecessary, attach	a separate sheet.)				1	
This accident occurred on Route E, 0.0 steering mechanism malfunctioned can strike a fence. Driver I stated, "I came around the continuous strike around the con	sing Driver	1 to lose con	trol of the vehi	cle and trave	I off the right side of	the ro	padway and
29. REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE		l he	N / BADGE NO.	Inex	VZONE	10000	/ DISTI/ PCT
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Order Information

Client

SAFECO/CENTRAL

Claim ID

Order Date

Inspector Code

Contract Number Insured Party

Vehicle Year

Vehicle Make

Vehicle Model Vehicle VIN

Number

Vehicle Mileage

REGION

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Facility Information

Facility Name Facility Address HILTOP TOWING 210468 HWY D

LABELLE

Facility City

Facility State MO N/A

Facility Contact

Adjuster Adjuster Extension BETTY MALONE

BETMAL@SAFECO.COM

Reason For Inspection

DRIVER IS CLAIMING THE STEERING FAILED CAUSING LOSS OF CONTROL AND SUBSEQUENT COLLISION. NEED INSPECTOR TO CHECK FOR SIGNS OF A STEERING. FAILURE OR PROBLEM. CHECK THE LINKAGES, POWER STEERING PUMP, RACK CONNECTIONS, LEAKS, CONTAMINATION, ETC. NO LISTED RECALLS FOR STEERING ISSUES.

Report Information

Inspection Date

Vehicle Year Vehicle Make Vehicle Model

Current VIN Number

Vehicle VIN Number Originally Submitted as

Current Mileage Vehicle Mileage Originally Submitted as

Vehicle Trim

Labor Rate / Type

Engine Type Transmission / Model

Wheel Drive Type

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2006 FORD

F250 P/U

1FT5X21P26E

VEY 1379

VFY

42 PROVIDED VERBALLY

6.0 TURBO DIESEL **4R100 AUTO**

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE (4X4)

Engine Oil Level

Coolant Level

Full

Engine Oil Condition

Coolant Condition

Good Good

Transmission Level Full

Full

Transmission

Condition

Good

Power Steering Level Drained

Power Steering Condition

Good

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Brake fluid Level

Full

Brake Fluid Condition Good

Differential Fluid

Level

N/A

Differential Fluid

Condition

Transfer Case Level

Transfer Case N/A Condition

N/A

Miscellaneous Comments

Commercial Use ?

NO NO

Modifications?

Why What

Collision?

YES

Describe

DAMAGE TO FRONT BUMPER RIGHT FRONT FENDER, OIL PAN.

REC, HITCH

Tow Hitch ? Towed or Driven In YES

Type

TOWED

Belts

GOOD GOOD

Hoses GOOD Overall Condition

Customer's Complaint on Repair Order

C/S STEERING FAILURE.

State of Assembly (be specific)

NO TEAR DOWN.

Any recalls TSB's, Oasis/Function 70, Parts Warranty?

Failed Components and Extent of Damage

STEERING WHEEL FREEWHEELS, NO MOVEMENT AT FRONT WHEELS, FRONT SUSPENSION INTACT, STEERING SHAFT CONNECTED TO GEAR BOX.P/S TANK EMPTY, GEAR BOX SEAL LEAKING FLUID TO A STEADY DRIP.NO IMPACT DAMAGE TO GEAR BOX OR STEERING COMPONENTS HEAVY DAMAGE TO OIL PAN FROM IMPACT, ALSO DAMAGE TO FRONT BUMPER AND RIGHT FRONT FENDER.

Measurements of Components

Cause of failure

INTERNAL FAILURE/DEFECT OF STEERING GEAR BOX, CAUSING LOSS OF CONTROL AND COLLISION DAMAGE TO VEHICLE.

Recommendations for Repair

REPLACE STEERING GEAR BOX, OIL PAN, FRONT BUMPER AND RIGHT FRONT FENDER. Inspector Signoff

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Notes: FRONT RIGHT SIDE STEERING

COMPONENTS.

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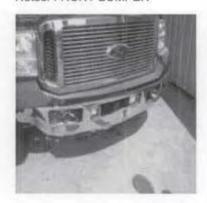
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All Action Details for Issue

Print

VIN: 1FTSX21P26F

Year: 2006

Model: F-SERIES SUPER DUTY Case:

Owner Status: Original Symptom Desc: STRG/HANDLING FUNCTION LOSS OF STRG WSD: 2006-05-24 Primary Phone:

Reason Desc: LEGAL - OTHER ATTORNEY DEMAND

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

Issue Status: CLOSED

Secondary Phone:

Action: OPEN LEGAL CONTACT - ATTORNEY DEMAND

Dealer: 08006 JOE MACHENS FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION-FD

Odometer: 1 MI

Comm Type: MAIL

Analyst Name: LEICH, CHERIE

Analyst: CLEICH

Action Date: 06/15/2006

Action Time: 16.06.22,905

Action Data: Yes

CLIENT WAS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT. HIS CLIENT FELT A THUD IN THE STEERING AND THEN HAD ABSOLUTELY NO CONTROL OVER THE VEHICLE, CAUSING AN ACCIDENT.ATTORNEY DEMANDS CONTACT FROM FORD REPRESENTATIVE.

Data Element Name

Data Value

NAME OF LAW FIRM

FARR, HICKMAN & SLAVIN

ATTORNEY NAME ATTORNEY PHONE NUMBER JOHN C. SLAVIN 6606657224

TROQUEMO

ANALYST ID

Action: SEND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER TO ATTORNEY

Dealer: 08006 JOE MACHENS FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 1 MI

Analyst Name: ROQUEMORE

(TROQUEMO), TANYA

Comm Type: EMAIL

Analyst: TROQUEMO

Action Date: 06/16/2006

Action Time: 08.32.41.860

Action Data: No

Comments FAX ACK.

Action: INFORMATIONAL CALL/FAX

Dealer: 08006 JOE MACHENS FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 1 MI

Analyst Name: ROQUEMORE

(TROQUEMO), TANYA

Comm Type: EMAIL

Analyst: TROQUEMO

Action Date: 06/16/2006

Action Time: 08.33.00.980

Action Data: No

Comments E-MAIL TO ZM.

Action: INFORMATIONAL CALL/FAX

Dealer: 08006 JOE MACHENS FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 1 MI

Analyst Name: ROQUEMORE

(TROQUEMO), TANYA

Comm Type: PHONE

Analyst: TROQUEMO

Action Date: 06/16/2006

Action Time: 09.58.11.912

Action Data: No

Comments LPA LEFT V-MESSAGE FOR SM TO CALL BACK REGARDING CUSTOMER CONCERNS.

Action: INFORMATIONAL CALL/FAX

Dealer: 08006 JOE MACHENS FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 1 MI

Analyst Name: ROQUEMORE

Comm Type: EMAIL Analyst: TROQUEMO

(TROQUEMO), TANYA Action Date: 06/16/2006

Action Time: 11.17.53.743

Action Data: No

Comments LPA REC'D RESPONSE FROM ZM/SM.

Action: REFER TO INSURANCE CARRIER - INSURANCE COMPANY ALREADY INVOLVED

Dealer: 08006 JOE MACHENS FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 1 MI

Analyst Name: ROQUEMORE

(TROQUEMO), TANYA Action Date: 06/16/2006 Comm Type: FAX

Analyst: TROQUEMO

Action Time: 11.20.55.778

Action Data: No

Comments BASED ON REVIEW OF INFORMATION, DENIED, REFER TO INSURANCE COMPANY, WHICH IS ALREADY INVOLVED. FAXING INSURANCE COMPANY ALREADY INVOLVED LETTER TO ATTORNEY.

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All Action Details for Issue

Print

VIN: 1FTSX21P26E

Year: 2006

Model: F-SERIES SUPER DUTY Case:

Name: Owner Status: Original Symptom Desc: STRG/HANDLING FUNCTION LOSS OF STRG

WSD: 2006-05-24

Reason Desc: LEGAL - ACCIDENT

Primary Phone Secondary Phone:

Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

Issue Status: CLOSED

Action: OPEN LEGAL CONTACT - PRODUCT LIABILITY - ACCIDENT

Dealer: 08006 JOE MACHENS FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION-FD

Odometer: 1 MI

Comm Type: EMAIL

Analyst Name: LEICH CHERIE

Analyst: CLEICH

Action Date: 06/08/2006

Action Time: 14.35.39.013

Action Data: Yes

RALPH DUMAS. CUSTOMER ALLEGES STEERING SHAFT BROKE AT GEAR WHILE TURNING, CAUSING AN ACCIDENT.CUSTOMER REQUESTS CONTACT FROM FORD REPRESENTATIVE.

Data Element Name

Data Value

ANALYST ID

LFONSECA

Action: MAKE OUTBOUND CALL TO DEALER

Dealer: 08006 JOE MACHENS FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

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Odometer: 1 ML

Analyst Name: FONSECA, LOURDES

NEARON (L.C.)

Comm Type: PHONE

Analyst: LFONSECA

Action Date: 06/09/2006

Action Time: 15.27.48.436

Action Data: No

Comments LPA SPOKE WITH DEALERSHIP, RALPH DUMAS, HE STATES THAT THE INSURANCE CO CALLED HIM REGARDING THE CLAIM, DLR STATES THAT THEY ARE UNALE TO DETERMINE WHAT OCCURRED FIRST, DAMAGE TO VEHICLE CAUSING PART TO BREAK OR VICE-VERSA. LPA PROVIDED SUBROGATION INFO. NFA

Action: REFER TO INSURANCE CARRIER - INSURANCE COMPANY ALREADY INVOLVED

Dealer: 08006 JOE MACHENS FORD INC

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 1 MI

Analyst Name: FONSECA, LOURDES

NEARON (L.C.)

Comm Type: PHONE

Analyst: LFONSECA

Action Date: 06/09/2006

Action Time:

15.28.10.954

Action Data: No

Comments LPA SPOKE WITH DEALERSHIP, RALPH DUMAS, HE STATES THAT THE INSURANCE CO CALLED HIM REGARDING THE CLAIM, DLR STATES THAT THEY ARE UNALE TO DETERMINE WHAT OCCURRED FIRST. DAMAGE TO VEHICLE CAUSING PART TO BREAK OR VICE-VERSA. LPA PROVIDED SUBROGATION INFO. NFA

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Friday, May 12, 2006

FORD MOTOR COMPANY
3 PARKLANE BLVD PARKLANE TOWERS WEST #300
DEARBORN MI 48126-2568



Re: FACTORY DEFECT IN STEERING CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE

VIN:

1FTWW33P06E

Year:

06

Make:

FORD

Model:

F350 SUPER DUTY

Our Insured:

Address:

Phone No.

WEST PALM BEACH FL ZIP/CPC:

Our Claim No:

Date of Loss: Damages:

FEB 20 06 \$ 853.03

NOTICE OF SUBROGATION CLAIM

Please accept this letter as formal notice of our subrogation rights in regard to the above-captioned claim. Demand is hereby made upon you for payment of Progressive's damages and those of Progressive's insured.

Our investigation indicates damages to our insured's vehicle was a direct result of a manufacturer's defect or negligence on your behalf. Enclosed please find all supporting documentation.

Please acknowledge receipt of my subrogation demand and forward your payment of \$ 853.03 to my attention, payable to "Progressive Express Insurance Company, as subrogee of and mail to my attention at Cleveland., OH

You can contact me at the number listed below should you need additional documentation or care to discuss this claim.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Progressive Express Insurance Company

Frank A. SteinII AIC Subrogation Representative (440) 603-7319 Enclosures

All Action Details for Issue

Print

VIN: 1FTWW33P068

Year: 2006

Model: F-SERIES SUPER DUTY

WSD: 2006-01-21

Name:

Owner Status: Original Symptom Desc: STRG/HANDLING FUNCTION

Primary Phone Secondary Phone:

Reason Desc: LEGAL - ACCIDENT

Issue Status: CLOSED Issue Type: 07 LEGAL

Action: OPEN LEGAL CONTACT - PRODUCT LIABILITY - ACCIDENT

Dealer:

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION-FD

Odometer: 8280 MI Analyst Name: LEICH CHERIE

Comm Type: EMAIL Analyst: CLEICH

Action Date: 02/21/2006

Action Time: 11.58.27.906

Action Data: Yes

SUTTON, CUSTOMER ALLEGES STEERING FAILED CAUSING ACCIDENT, CUSTOMER REQUESTS CONTACT FROM FORD REPRESENTATIVE.

Data Element Name

Data Value

ANALYST ID

KDUNLAP

Action: MAKE OUTBOUND CALL TO DEALER

Dealer:

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 8280 MI

Analyst Name: DUNLAP.

Comm Type: PHONE

KENISHA

Analyst: KDUNLAP

Action Date: 02/22/2006

Action Time: 09.24.13.538

Action Data: No

Comments LPA CONTACTED DLR CONTACT JIM SUTTON, JIM WAS UNAVAILABLE, LPA LEFT A V-MAIL MSG.

Action: INFORMATIONAL CALL/FAX

Dealer:

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 8280 MI Analyst Name: DUNLAP, Comm Type: PHONE

KENISHA

Analyst: KDUNLAP

Action Date: 02/22/2006

Action Time: 09.34.52.278

Action Data: No

Comments LPA RECEIVED RETURN CALL FROM JIM. JIM STATED HE AND HIS FSE JEFF GIBULA TOOK THE VEH APART AND FOUND A NUT/BOLT HAD COME LOOSE AND CAUSED THE LACK OF STEERING ON THE VEH. CQIS REPORT NO. 6BUB2001

Action: INFORMATIONAL CALL/FAX

Dealer:

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 8280 MI

Comm Type: PHONE

Analyst Name: DUNLAP,

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KENISHA

Analyst: KDUNLAP

Action Date: 02/22/2006

Action Time: 09.35.21.468

Action Data: No

Comments DLR IS REPAIRING MECHANICAL DEFECT UNDER WARRANTY. LPA REQUESTED A REPAIR ESTIMATE FOR THE RELATED BODY DAMAGE AND COPY OF INSPECTION. DLR WILL FAX SAME.

Action: INFORMATIONAL CALL/FAX

Dealer:

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 8280 MI

Analyst Name: DUNLAP,

Comm Type: PHONE Analyst: KDUNLAP

KENISHA

Action Date: 02/22/2006

Action Time: 11.12.38.093

Action Data: No

Comments LPA RECEIVED REPAIR ESTIMATE INSPECTION REPORT FROM DLR.

Action: MANAGEMENT APPROVAL OF OFFER

Dealer:

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 8280 MI Analyst Name: KELLER Comm Type: OTHER Analyst: KKELLER2

(KKELLER2), KRISTIAN

Action Time:

W2001-1-200

Action Date: 02/22/2006

13.53.41.930

Action Data: No

Comments VEHICLE REPAIRS AUTHORIZED -- ESTIMATE \$3098

Action: OFFER - OTHER

Dealer:

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 8280 MI

Analyst Name: DUNLAP,

Comm Type: PHONE

KENISHA

Analyst: KDUNLAP

Action Date: 02/27/2006

Action Time: 10.49.24.332

Action Data: No

Comments LPA CONTACTED CUSTOMER TO ADVISE THAT WE ARE OFFERING TO REPAIR THE VEHICLE. CUSTOMER STATED HE DOES NOT WANT THE VEH BACK AND THAT HE IS DECLINING THE REPAIR. CUSTOMER STATED HE IS PURSUING THE LEMON LAW.

Action: CLOSING COMMENTS - AWAITING RECONTACT CUSTOMER/DEALER/REGION

Dealer:

Origin Desc: CONSUMER AFFAIRS - LITIGATION

PREVENTION

Odometer: 8280 MI Analyst Name: DUNLAP,

KENISHA

Comm Type: MAIL

Analyst: KDUNLAP

Action Date: 02/27/2006

Action Time: 10.49.45.752

Action Data: No

Comments LPA MAILED OFFER LETTER TO CUSTOMER AND WILL AWAIT RECONTACT TO PROCEED FURTHER.

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All Action Details for Issue

Print

VIN: 1FTWW33P06E

Name:

Year: 2006

Owner Status: Original

Model: F-SERIES SUPER DUTY Case:

Symptom Desc:

Reason Desc: DEALER GENERATED INFORMATION ISSUE

Issue Type: 02 INFORMATION

Issue Status: CLOSED

WSD: 2006-01-21 **Primary Phone**

Secondary Phone:

Action: FORD COVERED REPAIR MADE - WARRANTY

Dealer:

Comm Type: VISIT Analyst: J-SUTTO3

Analyst Name: JAMES SUTTON Action Date: 02/21/2006

Odometer: 8280 MI

Action Time: 14.25.05.498

Action Data: No.

Origin Desc: DEALER

Comments VEHICLE WAS TOWED IN ON 02-20-2006, CUSTOMER STATED THAT STEERING HAD FAILED AND TRUCK IMPACTED A CONCRETE GUARDRAIL. THE TRUCK AT THE TIME WAS TOWING A TRIPLE AXLE CAR TRAILER, THERE IS SOME DAMAGE TO RT SIDE OF TRUCK AND ROOF OF TRUCK WAS DAMAGED WHEN TRAILER JACK-KNIFED. WE HAVE INSPECTED TRUCK FOR ANY SIGNS OF IMPACT DAMAGE TO CAUSE STEERING TO FAIL AND HAVE NOT FOUND ANY, CONTACTED JEFF GIBULA F.S.E. AND HE ALSO TOOK PICTURES AND INSPECTED TRUCK, WE WILL PROCEED TO REPAIR VEHICLE UNDER WARRANTY AND REPAIR DAMAGE CAUSED BY ACCIDENT, ALSO HAVE FILED A REQUEST FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REVIEW DOCUMENTING CUSTOMER'S CLAIM AND INSURANCE INFORMATION.

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Standard Claims List For Model Year 2006

Detailed Vehicle Specification

VIN	VEH	MKT DERIV	BODY	VER SERIES	DRIVE TYPE	PLT	TRS CD	ENG CD	PROD DATE	WARR DATE	SELLING DEALER	SELL	TIS	WCC	CPSC_6	PREF	BASE	SUFF	ccc	CD	DIST (Miles)
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Claim Detail Report

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Vehicle Information

Claim Information
Document Number:

Model Year: 2006

Repair Date: 20-FEB-2006

Body/Cab Type: T/BC - DOUBLE CAB (CREW CAB)

Distance: 8280

Version/Series: T/CD-350 SERIES

TIS: 2

Drive Type: T/E-4 WHL L/H PART TIME DRIVE Vehicle Line: T/F7-F250HD/350/450/550 [99-07]

Warranty Start Date: 21-JAN-2006 Production Date: 04-JAN-2006

Market Derived: F - FORD

VIN: 1FTWW33P06E

Dealer Information

Dealer Name MAROONE FORD OF DELRAY

Dealer Code: 04835 - *

Address: 1311 LINTON BOULEVARD

City: DELRAY BEACH State: FL Zip Code:33444 Country: USA Region Code: NA

Phone: (561)030-0303

Cust, Concern Code: C50 - OTHER STEERING/HANDLING AND RIDE TROUBLES

Condition Code: 01 - BROKEN/CRACKED

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Labor Op Code	Labor Op Description
3504A	STEERING GEAR ASSEMBLY REMOVE AND INSTALL OR REPLACE
14056D6	CONTACT ASSEMBLY - AIR BAG SLIDING REPLACE
1130A	WHEEL RING/HUB CAP/WHEEL COVER REPLACE
3001A	CASTER, CAMBER, TOE-IN CHECK
3001A1T	CASTER, CAMBER AND TOE-IN CORRECT
4602A	DRIVE SHAFT ASSEMBLY - REAR REMOVE AND INSTALL OR REPLACE

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BEGINNING OF CONTACT

07/26/2011 VOICE OF THE CUSTOMER TRACKING SYSTEM

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CASE NBR: 1499912061. OGC ISSUE OPENED: 2011/07/25 REGION: S3 ORLANDO ZONE: A06 1FTSX21526E VEH TYPE: ENGINE: Т CLOSED: VIN: 2011/07/25 ______ LAST NAME: STATUS: CLOSED TITLE: RST NAME: MI: ADDRESS: **HENRICO** VA ZIP: CITY STATE: 23228 HOME PHONE: MODEL YEAR: 2006 MODEL: F-SERIES MILEAGE: 107000 DEALER NAME: FORD OF OCALA INC SALES CODE: F24500 P & A: 02543 REASON CODE: 0772 LEGAL - ACCIDENT

SYMPTOMS: 303155 STRG/HANDLING FUNCTION LOSS OF STRG

ORIGIN: ACTION: DOCUMENT: CACI38 -

US CONCERN CASE BASE COMMUNICATION: PHONE
 ADVISE CUSTOMER INFO WILL BE SENT TO OGC

ANALYST: ABRIX BRIX (ABRIX), ANITA

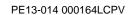
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State Farm Insurance Companies



June 16, 2008

State Farm Insurance
Subrogation Services
PO Box 2371
Bloomington, IL 61702-2371

Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested

Ford Motor Company Office of General Counsel 3 Parklane Blvd, Suites 400; Parklane Towers West Dearborn, MI 48126

FORD MOTOR COMPANY RECEIVED CLAMS HRIT

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

RE: Claim Number:

Date of Loss: March 3, 2008 Our Insured:

Our insured Vehicle:

VIN:

1FTSW21P66E 61365

Ford, F250 SD

Mileage: 61365 Your File Number: Insured's Deductible:

\$500.00

Dear Sir/Madam:

This notice is to advise of a loss that occurred to our insured's vehicle. The damage was caused by the stearing gear box failing. Only supporting documents available are enclosed. NO physical evidence was retained.

Our investigation indicates that Ford Motor Company is responsible for this loss. By virtue of our payment, we are entitled to recover from the responsible party. Please consider this letter as our demand to Ford Motor Company for reimbursement of \$996.11.

Any settlement with State Farm's policyholder with respect to this loss must not prejudice our rights, as subrogor, and shall not be released by execution of a general release with such policyholder.

In order to assist you in evaluating and processing the claim we are asserting, we may provide nonpublic personal information about our customer. We are sharing this information to effect, administer, or enforce a transaction authorized by the consumer. However, you are neither authorized nor permitted to: (1) use the

HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 61710-0001

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customer information we provide for any purpose other than to evaluate and process the subrogation claim, or (2) disclose or share the customer information we provide for any purpose other than to evaluate and process the subrogation claim.

Sincerely,

Patty Riddle

Claim Processor

(877) 457-8276 ext 59770, Team 60

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company

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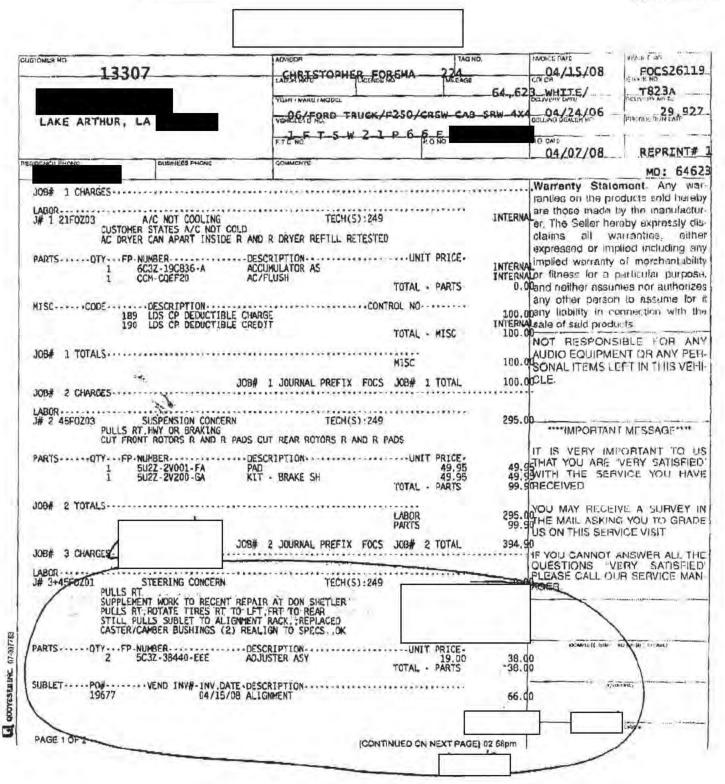


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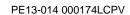












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WRITER'S FAX LINE: WRITER'S EMAIL: 928-774-8404 LDIESEL AWDLAW.COM



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Sedona Office 120 Soldier Pass Road Sedona, Arizona 86336 (928) 282-5955 Ms. Julie Szymanski Product Claims Department Ford Motor Company P. O. Box 70 Dearborn, Michigan 48121-0070

v. Ford Motor Company

Date of Loss: March 11, 2007 Vehicle Involved: 2006 Ford F250 Super Duty

VIN Number: 1FTSW21P76F

Dear Ms. Szymanski:

Please be advised that this office has been retained by for injuries and damages she received in an accident which was a result of a defective steering system in her 2006 Ford F250 Super Duty.

I am sure you have received by now, from Bob Williams of Farm Bureau Claims, a copy of his report from which found that:

At our inspection, it was clear that while the steering wheel was securely fastened to the steering column and input shaft, the steering box was unable to transfer steering input from the steering wheel to the sector/pitman shaft and on to the pitman arm and subsequent steering linkage, then to each of the front tires. It is our opinion that this steering box had an internal problem that caused excessive wear that created metal shavings and this steering box failed prior to this collision. Note the low miles on the odometer of 008686.

Additionally, all the signs that would clearly show the steering box was damaged at or during this collision are no where to be found. The subject truck has no steering linkage damage, no sector/pitman shaft twisting or damage, no bent or damaged steering components and the passenger side front tire and wheel are still intact and inflated while the driver's side front tire has been deflated because the bead has been broken.



Ms. Julie Szymanski	
February 12, 2008	
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A copy of that report is enclosed.

As a result of the defective steering box, my client suffered severe injuries, the most serious of which was a broken wrist. The accident in question occurred on March 11, 2007 on Interstate 17 southbound in Yavapai County, Arizona. My client was traveling approximately 65 miles per hour in the posted 75 mile per hour zone when she lost control of her steering. The truck rolled approximately one and one-quarter times coming to rest on its right side. Ms. Sustained a broken wrist with her husband, sustaining a broken finger. There several month-old baby was in a car seat and luckily did not receive any injuries. My clients did not have any service done on the steering box assembly from the time of purchase to the date of the accident. This 2006 Ford F250 was a fairly new vehicle with only 8,686 miles.

I am in the process of obtaining complete medical records and I will provide them to you as soon as I receive them. I am requesting that you contact me within two (2) weeks of today's date if you are interested in resolving this case without any further litigation. The Salem report is very clear that this accident was a direct result of the defective steering box.

If you are unable to reach me, please feel free to talk to my associate, Gunter Ziwey.

Sincerely,

ASPEY, WATKINS & DIESEL P.L.L.C.

Louis M. Diesel

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Enclosure

January 28, 2008

Mr. Bob Williams Farm Bureau Claims P.O. Box 458 Cottonwood, AZ 86326



Your client or claim: My case number: 07-009

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have reviewed the file you provided me. On May 17, 2007, we have inspected the following subject vehicle numerous times at Salem Boys Auto, 1025 West Warner Road, Tempe, AZ 85284:

2006 Ford F-250 Super Duty 6.0 Power Stroke, white in color VIN# 1FTSW21P76E Production Date - 01/06 Miles - 08686, AZ Plate - none (plate removed by others)

Questions:

- #1 What is presently wrong with the steering system on this car?
- #2 Is the steering defect related to the accident, otherwise, did it occur prior to or as a result of the collision?

Preliminary Conclusion:

At our inspection, it was clear that while the steering wheel was securely fastened to the steering column and input shaft, the steering box was unable to transfer steering input from the steering wheel to the sector/pitman shaft and on to the pitman arm and subsequent steering linkage, then to each of the front tires. It is our opinion that this steering box had an internal problem that caused excessive wear that created metal shavings and this steering box failed prior to this collision. Note the low miles on the odometer of 008686.

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* Tempe, AZ *

Discussion:

Here is some important notes we took during the inspection:

- Stock tires, wheels and suspension.
- The steering box has ground up metal inside of it.
- The fluid for both the return and pressure line is red, clean and without metal.
- The ground up metal suggests something was rubbing or coming apart internally for quite some time prior to this accident.
- No leaks found or seen in and around this power strg system.
- None of the steering linkage is damaged or bent in any way.
- This Internal steering box damage is not what we typically see when the steering linkage takes
 a hard hit. We typically see twisted splines on the pitman arm or damage to the sector/pitman
 shaft and/or teeth.

On May 16, 2007, we loaded the truck onto a lift and we took ID pictures. We rotated the steering wheel right and left a quarter turn each way and found the steering shaft was firmly connected to input shaft of the steering gear box. But there was no movement at the sector/pitman shaft or arm. We raised the truck in the air and inspected the steering linkage and found all of the steering components to be the original factory installed parts. We found no suspension modifications that had been done to this truck. We found no evidence of, nor any damage to any of the suspension or steering components.

We found the left front (LF) tire off the bead and no air in it. The other three tires all have air in them, LR had 44 psi, RF had 71 psi and RR had 73psi. We checked the power steering fluid and found it full, red and the fluid appeared to be in good condition. The power steering drive belt was intact and installed correctly.

We removed the pinch bolt from the steering coupler and slid back the steering shaft from the steering box. We removed the pressure and return lines from the power steering gearbox. We removed the cotter key, castle nut and steering linkage retaining nut from the sector/pitman shaft. We used a pickle fork on an air hammer to remove the linkage from the sector/pitman shaft. We removed the steering box mounting bolts from the frame and removed the power steering gearbox from the truck.

We placed the steering gear box on the work bench and photographed it on all sides. We clamped the pitman arm in a vice to hold the box while we loosened the sector/pitman shaft nut and removed the pitman arm from the sector/pitman shaft. We removed the four top cover bolts and removed the sector/pitman shaft from the gearbox. We found two gear teeth broken off the sector/pitman shaft and one tooth and one of the stops broken off the input shaft gear.

When we removed the sector/pitman shaft, the fluid that drained out was gray and full of metal shavings. We captured some of the gray fluid as it drained from the sector/pitman shaft end of the gear box while removing the shaft. The fluid that drained from the two power steering hoses and the top section of the steering gear box was red and clean and without metal shavings.

The evidence of the fine metal shavings and gray fluid in the bottom of the steering gear box strongly suggests this damage occurred over a period of time. With there being no steering linkage damage and no evidence of any prior accident or impact to any portion of the subject truck, it appears the gear box failed internally and eliminated the driver's ability to steer this truck and caused the driver to lose control of the truck and crash.

On August 31, 2007, we took the disassembled subject steering box to ATSCO, a local national rebuilder of like parts and hydraulic components. They reviewed the disassembled subject gear box and concluded that there was unnatural internal wear associated with miss-adjustment.

On September 21, 2007, Michael Jerome, a retired engineer from Saginaw Steering Division (GM) looked at the disassembled subject steering box at our facility. He also saw, identified and pointed out abnormal wear patterns on the vertical shaft which is also called a sector shaft and the horizontal shaft which is also called the input shaft, it was his opinion that the subject steering box did not suffer damage from force, but the damage was related to miss-adjustment and abnormal wear.

In our opinion, the fact that we found and photographed ground up metal within the subject steering box clearly shows there was some internal components that were rubbing one another abnormally or improperly causing the ground up metal found inside the steering gear box.

On October 2, 2007, we delivered the subject steering box to Dr. Lester Handrickson, a metallurgist in Tempe and discussed the Issue asked him to look the components over. We were told he could look at the subject steering box early November.

On November 28 & 29, 2007, at the request of Dr. Lester Hendrickson, a metallurgist, he was permitted to photograph and inspect the steering system of the subject truck. As he requested, we pulled the driver's side tie rod end from the spindle so he could inspect the cone of the tie rod ends for damage, nicks, dents, witness marks related to any kind of hit the front steering system may have taken. According to our inspection and Dr. Lester Hendrickson's inspection, we found no witness marks that would suggest any kind of force that had been applied to this joint.

We are awaiting Dr. Lester Hendrickson's written reports.

We have included three copies of a CD that contains the pictures of the above listed activities. The enclosed CD has a root folder of 07-009pics and then 4 sub folders:

- Sub folder 032207 shows the subject truck's arrival at our facility, the unloading of the truck and the final wrapped truck.
- Sub folder 051707 shows highlights of our inspection.
- Sub folder 052507 shows normal parts along side broken parts. The steering box on your left is the subject steering box, the one on your right is an exemplar steering box.
- Sub folder 112907 shows the results of our inspection of the tie rod ends at the request of Dr. Lester Hendrickson, a metallurgist.

We have impounded the subject steering box and pitman arm and a small container of fluid.

While researching the subject steering box, we found that this subject steering box has already been superceded by at least two and maybe one more other, updated steering boxes. We have purchased update one and two, update #3 box is unavailable because what is being distributed, is already spoken for.

We have enclosed an invoice for services you have requested and we have provided through today. In the event additional services are needed, we will be billing you monthly.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you. In the event you need or obtain more information, please call me at 480-598-1234 or e-mail me at mark@marksalem.com.

Sincerely,

Mark Balem

enclosure

ORIGINAL FILED THIS EP 17 DAY OF. JEANNE HIGH Clerk Super SCHLOSSER Louis M. Diesel (State Bar No. 003595) Deputy 1 Brian Y. Furuya (State Bar No. 025486) ASPEY, WATKINS & DIESEL, P.L.L.C. 2 123 N. San Francisco Street Flagstaff, Arizona 86001 Telephone: (928) 774-1478 Fax: (928) 774-8404 Email: LDiesel@awdlaw.com 5 BFuruya@awdlaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiff Kristi Hubbard 6 7 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA 8 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YAVAPAI, 9 VERDE VALLEY JUDICIAL DISTRICT 10 a married woman, Case No. 11 Plaintiff. COMPLAINT 12 VS. (Tort Non-Motor Vehicle; Products 13 FORD MOTOR COMPANY, a Delaware Liability) corporation; DON SANDERSON FORD, INC., 14 d/b/a SANDERSON FORD LINCOLN MERCURY, an Arizona corporation; WHITE 15 CORPORATIONS I-V; BLACK LLCs I-V; JOHN/JANE DOES I-V, 16 Defendants. 17 18 NOW COMES Plaintiff, by her attorney undersigned, and files this action for 19 recovery of compensation from Defendants above-captioned. In support of this 20 Complaint, Plaintiff alleges as follows: 21 22 (Jurisdiction and Venue) 23 1. Plaintiff is a resident of Coconino County, Arizona. 24 2. Upon information and belief, Defendant Ford Motor Company ("Ford") is a 25 corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware. 26 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Ford's principal office is located in 27 Dearborn, Michigan. 28 ASPEY. WALKINS & DIESEL, P.L. L.C.

	4.	Upon information and belief, Defendant Don Sanderson Ford, Inc., d/b/a
San	derson	Ford Lincoln Mercury ("Sanderson") is a corporation duly organized and
exis	ting un	der the laws of the state of Arizona, with its principal place of business in
Mai	ricopa C	County, Arizona.

- 5. White Corporations I-V, Black LLCs I-V, John/Jane Does I-V are fictitious entities who may also be liable to Plaintiff for the claims asserted herein, but whose identities are currently unknown to Plaintiff at this time. Upon the discovery of the true identity of any such entity, Plaintiff shall seek leave of the Court to amend her complaint to include said entity in this action.
- This action arises out of injuries sustained while Plaintiff was driving southbound on Interstate 17 in the vicinity of milepost 309.5, near Camp Verde, Arizona.
- The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Art. 6, Section 14 of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. § 12-123.
- The Verde Valley Judicial District of the Yavapai County Superior Court is the proper venue for this matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-401(18).

II. (General Allegations Common to All Causes)

- 9. Plaintiff restates and incorporates all previous paragraphs by this reference.
- 10. On or about September 5, 2006, Plaintiff and her husband purchased a white Ford F-250 pick-up truck (VIN: 1FTSW21P76E ("Truck"), from Defendant Sanderson.
- Upon information and belief, Defendant Ford manufactured the Truck, and sold it to Defendant Sanderson for further retail sale.
- Upon information and belief, the Truck was purchased new and Plaintiff and her husband were the Truck's first and original owners.
- In the late morning on March 11, 2007, Plaintiff was driving southbound on Interstate 17 with her husband and infant daughter.

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- 14. Plaintiff was pulling a 2007 white 35-foot Toy Hauler trailer.
- 15. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff was traveling well within the posted speed limits in the general vicinity of milepost 309, when the steering became abruptly, suddenly and completely unresponsive.
- 16. Upon information and belief, the failure of steering caused the Truck to veer off of the road out of control and roll one complete time, also separating the trailer from the Truck ("Collision").
- After the Collision, Plaintiff caused the vehicle to be examined by Salem
 Boys Auto to determine the cause of the steering failure.
- 18. On or about January 28, 2008, Salem Boys Auto issued a preliminary report concluding on the basis of their investigation that the Truck's "steering box had an internal problem that caused excessive wear that created metal shavings and this steering box failed prior to [the Collision]. A copy of this preliminary report is attached as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 19. On or about February 15, 2008, metallurgist Lester E. Hendrickson, Ph.D., forensic engineering consultant with SEMTEC Laboratories, issued his written "Report examination of components of the steering system on [the Truck]." A copy of this report is attached as "Exhibit B" and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 20. This report opines that the failure of the steering mechanism of the Truck is explainable as caused by "a force generated internally in the power assisted steering system."

III. (First Cause of Action—Negligence)

- 21. Plaintiff restates and incorporates all previous paragraphs by this reference.
- 22. Upon information and belief, Defendants Ford and Sanderson are commercial suppliers of vehicles, and owe a duty of care to those who purchase and use products supplied by them.

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23. Upon information and belief, Defendant Ford manufactured the Truck, or allowed the manufacture of the Truck, in a reckless and/or negligent manner, so as to supply it to Plaintiff in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition, which condition caused the Collision set forth above.

- 24. Upon information and belief, Defendant Sanderson recklessly and/or negligently sold and/or supplied Plaintiff with the Truck in its defective and unreasonably dangerous condition, which condition caused the Collision set forth above.
- 25. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligent acts, Plaintiff suffered severe physical injury, including but not limited to a broken arm, was prevented from fully transacting business, suffered severe physical and mental pain, and incurred expenses for medical attention and hospitalization, all in an amount as shall be reasonable in the premises, but which exceeds the jurisdictional requirements and mandatory arbitration limits of this Court.

IV. (Second Cause of Action—Strict Liability)

- 26. Plaintiff restates and incorporates all previous paragraphs by this reference.
- 27. As commercial suppliers of vehicles, Defendants Ford and Sanderson owe a strict duty to not supply products in a defective and unreasonably dangerous to consumers.
- The Truck, in particular the steering system of the Truck, is defective and unreasonably dangerous.
- Upon information and belief, this defective condition in the Truck's steering system existed at time product left both Defendants' control.
- 30. As a direct and proximate result of the defective condition in the Truck's steering system, Plaintiff suffered severe physical injury from the Collision, including but not limited to a broken arm, was prevented from fully transacting business, suffered severe physical and mental pain, and incurred expenses for medical attention and

hospitalization, all in an amount as shall be reasonable in the premises, but which exceeds the jurisdictional requirements and mandatory arbitration limits of this Court.

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(Third Cause of Action-Breach of Warranty of Merchantability)

- 31. Plaintiff restates and incorporates all previous paragraphs by this reference.
- 32. The defective and unreasonably dangerous steering system of the Truck rendered the Truck as below average quality for vehicles of this nature, unfit for the ordinary use of the Truck as a conveyance vehicle, as aberrant in quality from other vehicles of its kind.
- By supplying Plaintiff with such a product, Defendants breached the implied warranty of merchantability.
- 34. As a result of said breach, Plaintiff suffered severe physical injury from the Collision, including but not limited to a broken arm, was prevented from fully transacting business, suffered severe physical and mental pain, and incurred expenses for medical attention and hospitalization, all in an amount as shall be reasonable in the premises, but which exceeds the jurisdictional requirements and mandatory arbitration limits of this Court.

(Fourth Cause of Action-Breach of Express Warranty)

- Plaintiff restates and incorporates all previous paragraphs by this reference.
- 36. Upon information and belief, the Defendants provided Plaintiff with an express contractual warranty that provided, among other things, that the Truck's steering system would be functional.
- Upon information and belief, the Truck's steering system was not functional within the meaning of the express warranty.
- By supplying Plaintiff with such a product, Defendants breached the express warranty.

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As a result of said breach, Plaintiff suffered severe physical injury from the 39. Collision, including but not limited to a broken arm, was prevented from fully transacting business, suffered severe physical and mental pain, and incurred expenses for medical attention and hospitalization, all in an amount as shall be reasonable in the premises, but which exceeds the jurisdictional requirements and mandatory arbitration limits of this Court.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the following relief:

- Judgment against Defendant Ford Motor Company, for such damages as are reasonable in the premises, and which exceed the jurisdictional minimum:
- Judgment against Defendant Don Sanderson Ford, Inc., d/b/a Sanderson B. Ford Lincoln Mercury, for such damages as are reasonable in the premises, and which exceed the jurisdictional minimum;
- For court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with C. this matter:
 - D. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this /2 day of September, 2008.

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6	that she has read the foregoing Complaint and knows the contents thereof, and that the allegations therein contained are true in substance and in fact, except those made on
7	information and belief, which are believed to be true.
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May 29, 2007

Mr. Bob Williams Farm Bureau Claims P.O. Box 458 Cottonwood, AZ 86326



Your client or claim: Olsen Grain, Inc. My case number

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have reviewed the file you provided me. On May 17, 2007, we have inspected the following subject vehicle at Salem Boys Auto, 1025 West Warner Road, Tempe, AZ 85284.

2006 Ford F-250 Super Duty 6.0 Power Stroke, white in color VIN# 1FTSW21P76E Production Date - 01/06 Miles - 08686, AZ Plate - none (plate removed by others)

Question:

- #1 What is presently wrong with the steering system on this car? -
- #2 Is the steering defect related to the accident, otherwise, did it occur prior to or as a result of the collision?

Preliminary Conclusion:

At our inspection, it was clear that while the steering wheel was securely fastened to the steering column and input shaft, the steering box was unable to transfer steering input from the steering wheel to the sector/pitman shaft and on to the pitman arm and subsequent steering linkage, then to each of the front tires. It is our opinion that this steering box had an internal problem that caused excessive wear that created metal shavings and this steering box failed prior to this collision. Note the low miles on the odometer of 008686.

Additionally, all the signs that would clearly show the steering box was damaged at or during this collision are no where to be found. The subject truck has no steering linkage damage, no sector/pitman shaft twisting or damage, no bent or damaged steering components and the passenger side front tire is still intact and inflated while the driver's side front tire has been deflated because the bead has been broken.

1025 West Warner * Tempe, AZ * 85284 * 480-598-1234

Discussion:

Here is some of the notes we took during the inspection:

- 1. Stock tires, wheels and suspension.
- 2. The steering box has ground up metal inside of it.
- The fluid for both the return and pressure line is red, clean and without metal.
- The ground up metal suggests something was rubbing or coming apart internally for quite some time prior to this accident.
- 5. No leaks found or seen in and around this power strg system.
- 6. None of the steering linkage is damaged or bent in any way.
- 7: This damage is not what we have seen on a crash where the steering linkage took a hard hit and twisted the splines or damaged the sector/pitman shaft and/or the teeth.

Protocol:

We loaded the truck onto a lift and we took ID pictures. We rotated the steering wheel right and left a quarter turn each way and found the steering shaft was firmly connected to input shaft of the steering gear box. But there was no movement at the sector/pitman shaft or arm. We raised the truck in the air and inspected the steering linkage and found all of the steering components to be the original factory installed parts, we found no suspension modifications that had been done to this truck. We found no evidence of, nor any damage to any of the suspension or steering components.

We found the left front (LF) tire off the bead and no air in it. The other three tires all have air in them, LR had 44 psi, RF had 71 psi and RR had 73psi. We checked the power steering fluid and found it full, red and the fluid appeared to be in good condition. The power steering drive belt was intact and installed correctly.

We removed the pinch bolt from the steering coupler and slid back the steering shaft from the steering box. We removed the pressure and return lines from the power steering gearbox. We removed the cotter key, castle nut and steering linkage retaining nut from the sector/pitman shaft. We used a pickle fork on an air hammer to remove the linkage from the sector/pitman shaft. We removed the steering box mounting bolts from the frame and removed the power steering gearbox from the truck.

We placed the steering gear box on the work bench and photographed it on all sides. We clamped the pitman arm in a vice to hold the box while we loosened the sector/pitman shaft nut and removed the pitman arm from the sector/pitman shaft. We removed the four top cover bolts and removed the sector/pitman shaft from the gearbox. We found two gear teeth broken off the sector/pitman shaft and one tooth and one of the stops broken off the input shaft gear.

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When we removed the sector/pitman shaft, the fluid that drained out was gray and full of metal shavings. We captured some of the gray fluid as it drained from the sector/pitman shaft end of the gear box while removing the shaft. The fluid that drained from the two power steering hoses and the top section of the steering gear box was red and clean and without metal shavings.

The evidence of the fine metal shavings and gray fluid in the bottom of the steering gear box strongly suggests this damage occurred over a period of time. With there being no steering linkage damage and no evidence of any prior accident or impact to any portion of the subject truck, it appears the gear box failed internally and eliminated the driver's ability to steer this truck and caused the driver to lose control of the truck and crash.

We have included three copies of a CD that contains the pictures we took of our inspection and subsequent comparison of the subject vehicles broken parts to an exemplar steering box's working parts.

The enclosed CD has a root folder of 07-009pics

- The sub folder 032207 shows the subject truck's arrival at our facility, the unloading of the truck and the final wrapped truck.
- The sub folder 051707 shows highlights of our inspection.
- 3. The sub folder 052707 shows normals parts along side broken parts. The steering box on your left is the subject steering box, the one on your right is an exemplar steering box.

In our opinion, the next step should be the disassembly of the subject steering box to determine what internal components were rubbing one another causing the metal to be found inside the steering gear box. At that point, we can also separate and gather the matching internal parts for examination by a metallurgical expert. One possibility is that this steering box was not adjusted correctly causing internal wear that ultimately caused the steering box to fail.

We have impounded the subject steering box and pitman arm and a small container of fluid.

We have enclosed an invoice for services you have requested and we have provided through today. In the event additional services are needed, we will be billing you monthly.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you. In the event you need or obtain more information, please call me at 480-598-1234 or e-mail me at mark@marksalem.com.

Sincerely,

Mark Salem

enclosure

OASIS RESULT: 1FTSW21P77E

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VEHICLE INFORMATION

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION 2007 F-SERIES

BODY STYLE F-250 CREW CAB 4X4 AXLE CODE

ENGINE 6.0L DIESEL DI V8 ENGINE CALIBRATION

TRANSMISSION TORQSHIFT

6F710H0A



NO WARNING MESSAGES FOUND FOR THIS VIN



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ATTENTION TECHNICIANS AND SERVICE MANAGERS: BEFORE REPLACING 6.0L CYLINDER HEAD GASKETS REFER TO 08-11-03 BEFORE REPLACING 6.0L TURBOCHARGER OR VGT SOLENOID REFER TO 08-16-13 BEFORE REPLACING FUEL INJECTORS FOR COLD ENGINE OPERATION SEE TSB 07-05-04



GENERAL WARRANTY INFORMATION

WARRANTY START DATE 04/27/2007

BUILD DATE 12/04/2006

SALE MILEAGE

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OUTSTANDING FIELD SERVICE ACTIONS

NO CAMPAIGN MESSAGE(S) FOUND



EXTENDED COVERAGES

NO ESP INFORMATION AVAILABLE



WARRANTY REPAIR HISTORY

02/21/2008

DEALER: Don Sanderson Ford Lincoln Mer

WARRANTY CLAIM NUMBER:

ODOMETER: 009747M

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DEALER: Don Sanderson Ford Lincoln Mer

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Click Here for Full Warranty History

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Report Applies to Country Code: USA

Claim Detail Report

Model Year = 2007 Claim Key =

Vehicle Information

Model Year: 2007 Market Derived: 1 - FORD

Body/Cab Type: T/BC - DOUBLE CAB (CREW CAB)

Version/Series: L'BD-250 SERIES

Drive Type: T/E-4 WHL L/H PART TIME DRIVE Vehicle Line: T/1/7-1-25011D/350/450/550 [99-09]

Warranty Start Date: 27-APR-2007 Production Date: 04-DLC-2006

VIN: IFTSW21P771

Dealer Information

Dealer Name DON SANDLRSON FORD LINCOLN MER

Dealer Code: 20301 - *

Address: 6400 N 51ST AVE.

City: GLENDALE

State: A/Zip Code:85301 Country: USA Region Code: NA

Phone: (623)860-8600

Claim Information

Document Number:

Repair Date: 21-FEB-2008

Distance: 9747

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Cust. Concern Code: C50 - OTHER STEERING/HANDLING AND RIDE TROUBLES

Condition Code: W6 - WHEFL ALIGNMENT OUT OF SPECIFICATION

Technician Comment: ROAD TEST, UNABLE TO VERIFY LOOSENESS OR ROAD WILD CONDITION STEERING WHEEL

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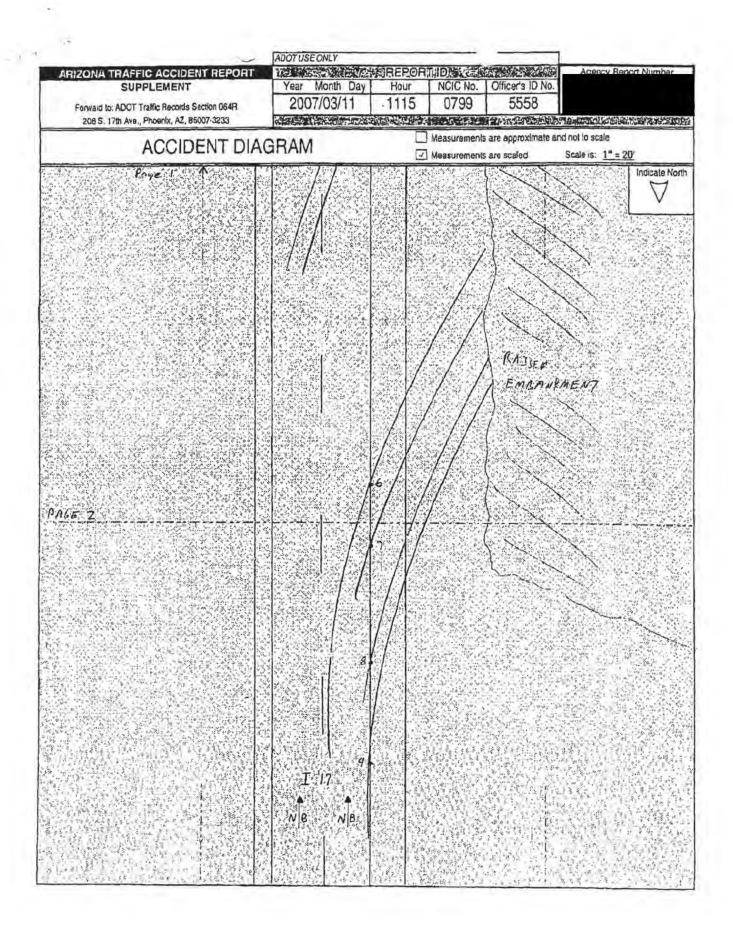
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Product Claims Department
Ford Motor Company
P. O. Box 70
Dearborn, Michigan 48121-0070

Re: V. Ford Motor Company

Date of Loss: March 11, 2007

Vehicle Involved: 2006 Ford F250 Super Duty

VIN Number: 1FTSW21P76E

Dear Ms. Szymanski:

As you know, I represent regarding the injuries she received in a one-vehicle accident as a result of the defective steering mechanism in the Ford F-250 that she was driving on March 11, 2007. Enclosed you will find an additional report by Mark Salem of Salem Boys Auto regarding the examination of components of the steering system on her Ford F-250 truck. Again, as you can see, the evidence clearly indicates that there is a defective steering mechanism which caused Ms.

In the past, I have attempted to contact you and you have failed to respond to my inquiries. Again, I am requesting that you contact me within two weeks of today's date if you wish to resolve this case without expenses of a lawsuit. Our evidence seems to clearly indicate that Ford Motor Company's product is defective. If you have any evidence to the contrary, please advise immediately.

I am also contacting Sanderson Ford, where Ms. purchased her vehicle, to put them on notice of this potential products liability case.

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Again, if you wish to avoid litigation of this case, please contact within this two week time period.

Sincerely,

ASPEY, WATKINS & DIESEL, P.L.L.C.

Louis M. Dieset

LMD/kc Enclosure

REPORT

EXAMINATION OF COMPONENTS OF THE STEERING SYSTEM ON A FORD F-250 TRUCK

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BACKGROUND

On or about October 2, 2007, several components from the steering gear assembly on a Ford F-250 were received from Mark Salem for examination. According to Mr. Salem, these components were removed from a truck, VIN #1FTSWZ1P76F owned by that had been involved in an accident in which loss of control was believed to be caused by an internal problem with the steering box gear.

In addition to these component parts, the steering linkage on the truck was examined on two occasions, December 5, 2007, and again on December 12, 2007.

EXAMINATION

Steering Gear Components

The component parts received are shown in photo #1. They were identified by tags on the bags as #1: Gear Housing; #2: Valve; #3: Sector/Pitman; and #4: 6 Broken Gear Pieces.

Photo #2 shows the gear housing, photo #3 shows the valve, and photo #4 shows the sector gear/pitman shaft. Photos #5 and #6 are closer views of the damaged teeth on the rack gear. The center tooth in photo #5 is sheared off at the root, while the teeth on either side of center show only contact damage at isolated locations on the crown. Also, a large section of metal is broken out of the cylindrical flange on the left end of the gear shown in photo #5. The spline is not twisted or cracked.

Photo #7 shows three pieces that were determined to have broken out of the rack gear. Photos #8 and #9 show these pieces re-positioned on the rack. Black wear patterns are visible on both faces of each tooth. Note that the missing piece from the cylinder is further broken into two, with fragments of the larger piece missing, and contact damage at an isolated location on the smaller piece.

The nature of the damage to the rack gear suggests that wear may have been a factor, and that the damage was caused by multiple loading events rather that a single loading event.

Photo #10 shows the teeth on the sector gear on the pitman shaft. Two are sheared off at the root while the third shows contact damage on the face and crown. Photo #11 is another view of the damage. Photo #12 shows pieces of

teeth that were determined to have broken from the sector gear. Note that one of the two teeth is further broken into two pieces. Photos #13 and #14 show these pieces re-positioned on the sector gear.

It is interesting that two adjacent teeth on the sector gear are sheared, yet on the mating rack gear only one tooth is sheared off, and that is the center tooth. The tooth adjacent to the center is not sheared, however the cylindrical flange on the opposite side of the adjacent tooth is fractured. This damage pattern is inconsistent with damage expected from a single external impact to the system.

The fracture surface on the piece from the center tooth on the rack gear was examined with a scanning electron microscope (SEM). Photo #15 is a general view of the fracture surface at a magnification of 20X. Two distinctly different areas exist, separated by a ridge indicated with a red arrow in the photo. This suggests that two separate cracks were involved in the fracture process, most probably the result of two separate loading events. Photos #16 (at 100X) and #17 (at 500X) shows more details of the fracture surface. Visible in photo #17 is the classic dimple pattern associated with ductile shear fracture.

The interior of the gear housing shown in photo #1 was examined for debris. A clean strip of filter paper was used to swipe the interior in an area where numerous fine particles were discovered. Photo #18, taken through the lens of an optical microscope, shows the oil and fine particles collected on the filter paper. These were inserted into the chamber of the SEM and analyzed using energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy (EDS).

Photo #19 is an SEM photo at a magnification of about 50X. The bright spotty particles visible in the photo are metal particles. The fibers are from the filter paper. One particle marked EDS1 in photo #19 is about 0.016 inches long and about 0.008 inches wide. This is by far the largest metal particle in the photo. Photo #20 shows the EDS spectrum generated by the particle. The only significant peaks on the spectrum are from iron (Fe). The small silicon (Si) peak is not significant. This result shows that the piece of metal is wear debris from steel, which is predominantly iron.

The area enclosed by the yellow square and marked EDS2 in photo #19 was analyzing by scanned the entire area. Photo #21 shows the resulting EDS spectrum. Since scanning the entire area generates characteristic x-rays from each of the numerous tiny particles within the area, the spectrum gives the chemistry of all particles present. As can be seen in photo #21, the only significant peak on the spectrum is iron (Fe). The large peak on the left end of the spectrum, not labeled, is a carbon peak resulting mostly from the filter paper

with a smaller contribution from oil. These small particles are wear debris from steel parts.

The results of the EDS analysis show conclusively that there was a significant amount of wear debris from steel components in the gear housing.

Inspection of the Vehicle.

The subject vehicle was inspected on two occasions at Salem Brothers Auto. Photo #22 is a general view of the subject vehicle. Photo #23 and #24, taken after the steering gear box had been removed, show the steering linkage with the tie rod ends still attached to the spindle arms. Inspection of the linkage showed no evidence of damage.

The driver's side tie rod end was disconnected from the spindle arm. The spindle is shown in photos #25 and #26. There is no damage to the cast iron spindle arm. The bore in the arm was inspected and the diameter measured in two perpendicular directions and found to be circular. Photo #27 shows the top surface of the spindle arm, while photo #28 shows the bottom surface. The bore is undistorted.

Photo #29 is a view of the driver's side tie rod end, while photo #30 is a closer view of the pin. This pin is not damaged.

CONCLUSIONS

Inspection of the steering linkage on the subject vehicle showed no evidence of any distortion or damage to any of the component parts. These components are the only direct connection to the pitman arm and shaft. Any external impact force to the front end of the vehicle, if transmitted to the gears internal to the steering gear box, would necessarily travel through the steering linkage. If such force was of sufficient magnitude to cause ductile shear fracture of steering gear teeth, component parts of the steering linkage such as the tie rod ends, spindle arm or the splined end of the pitman shaft would, in terms of reasonable scientific probability, also show evidence of distortion and mechanical damage.

Inspection of the fractured teeth on the steering gear showed conclusive evidence that the dominant fracture mode was ductile shear. The nature of the damage to the fractured teeth indicates that multiple force applications caused the damage. The damage is inconsistent with what would be expected from the application of a single impact force.

Evidence of wear was found, but there was no evidence of metal fatigue.

Absent any evidence that an externally applied force acted on the steering system, the alternative explanation for the force that caused the observed steering gear damage is a force generated internally in the power assisted steering system.



Photo #1 (See Text)



Photo #2 (See Text)



Photo #3 (See Text)



Photo #4 (See Text)



Photo #5 (See Text)



Photo #6 (See Text)



Photo #7 (See Text)



Photo #8 (See Text)



Photo #9 (See Text)



Photo #10 (See Text)



Photo #11 (See Text)



Photo #12 (See Text)



Photo #13 (See Text)

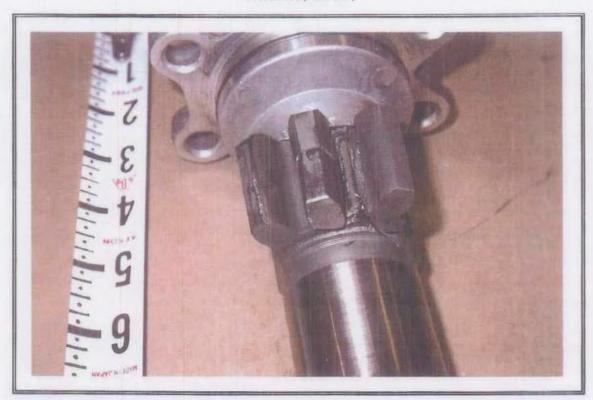


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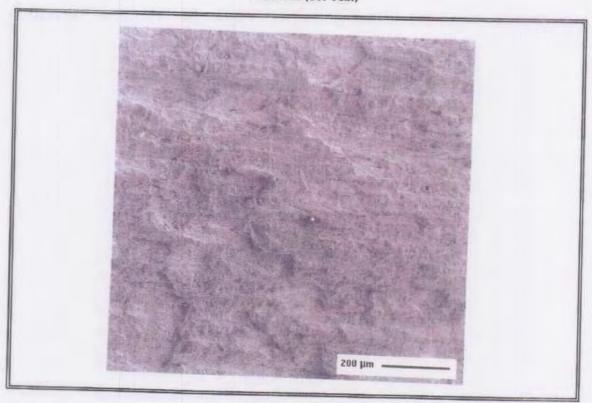


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Photo #18 (See Text)

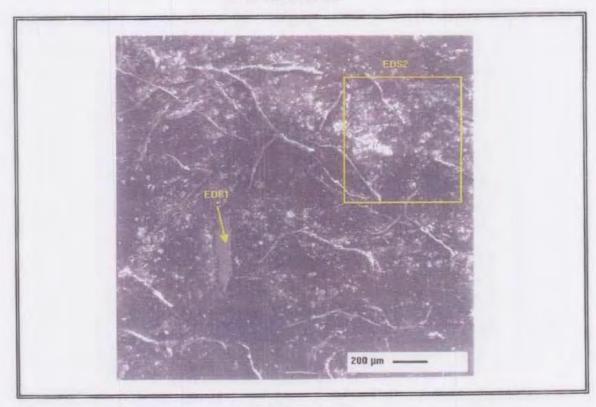


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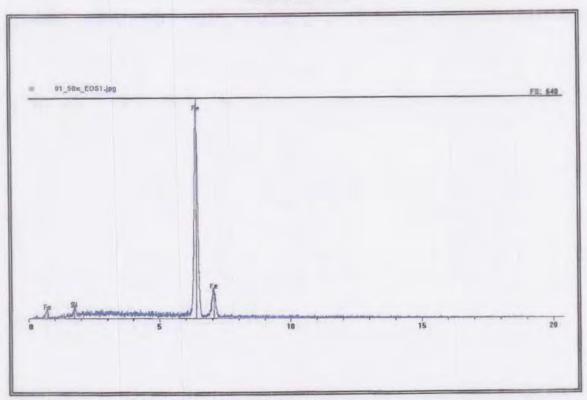


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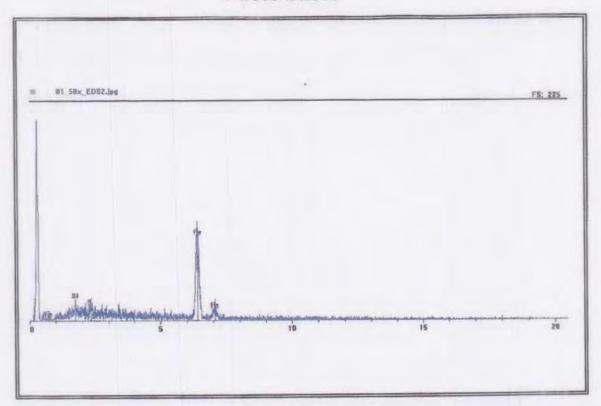


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