

MATTER #	[REDACTED]
FILE TYPE	Case
FILE NAME	[REDACTED] cardo)
CAIR #	[REDACTED]
DATE OF INCIDENT	[REDACTED]
DATE OF NOTICE	6/11/2020
MODEL/MODEL YEAR	2017 Ram 2500 ST Crew Cab 4x2
VIN	[REDACTED]
MILEAGE	~50,000
OWNER	[REDACTED] Homer, LA [REDACTED]
COURT	2nd Judicial District Court, Claiborne, LA
DOCKET #	[REDACTED]
ALLEGED DEFECT	Steering-Linkage-Recall; Steering-Linkage-Broke
DESCRIPTION	<p>According to the State of Louisiana Uniform Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Report: "Vehicle 1 was traveling [REDACTED], when it drifted right and exited the roadway. Off the roadway, the vehicle traveled through a shallow ditch towards the wood line. The vehicle traveled approximately 85 feet and impacted a large tree with its front end. The impact forced the vehicle to rotate slightly to the left and over turn onto its roof. The vehicle came to final rest on its roof facing west. Claiborne Parish Deputies were on scene and the driver was transported to Claiborne Memorial Hospital prior to my arrival. At the scene were several Claiborne Parish Police Jury employees. The employees stated that the driver told them that prior to the crash he felt something break under the front end. The employees on scene stated that it appeared the "drag link" had broken underneath. After a visual examination of the truck that was on its roof, I was able to see the drag link was not in its proper position. At the hospital, the driver stated while driving he felt something come loose and the steering wheel would not steer the vehicle. Driver stated the vehicle just drifted right and there was nothing he could do. At the Claiborne Parish Detention Center I spoke with the three passengers in this crash. All three stated something went wrong with the vehicle and the driver was unable to steer the vehicle. It is likely a vehicle malfunction caused this crash therefore no citations were issued" [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were passengers in the vehicle at the time of the incident and the Crash Report lists them as having "no injury."</p>
INJURIES	1
FATALITIES	0

ANALYSIS	The complaints of the two consolidated lawsuits generally allege that the drag link failed as described in safety recall V06 (NHTSA # 19V-021), but the vehicle is not included in that recall's population. FCA US was not able to inspect the vehicle during litigation and the matter was settled. FCA US does not have sufficient information to form any conclusions relating to this matter.
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