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Subject: Re: Personally Identifiable Information (PII) Sharing for One of your Clients
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Bruce,

You may share the VIN number. [REDACTED] attorney is Marilyn Vilandos with Lewis Brisbois out of Houston. Her contact information is below:



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Be advised, we still have the 2020 malibu involved in the incident in our possession. As we have and are continuing to incur storage costs for this vehicle we will be selling it soon since the case is being dismissed.

Please let me know if you need any further information from me. I wish you the best of luck in finding the person/entity importing these dangerous inflators.

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From: York, Bruce (NHTSA) [REDACTED]

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cc: Bonilla, Pedro (NHTSA) <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Personally Identifiable Information (PII) Sharing for One of your Clients

Mr. Bullard,

I understand you represent a client that has been severely injured in automobile crash where a driver side airbag inflator manufactured by a company named DTN ruptured.

We recently opened a defect investigation into airbag inflators manufactured by DTN (resume attached). As part of this investigation, we would like to share the VIN for the vehicle involved in your case with outside entities.

As I am sure you are aware, VIN are considered Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and I wanted to get you or your clients permission to share their VIN with other entities.

The last six characters of the VIN we are interested in sharing are [REDACTED].

Also, in conversation we have had, you identified the person who sold the airbag module to the dealer that sold your client the subject vehicle as [REDACTED]. Could you please provide the name of any counsel he may have representing him?

Thank You,



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