MITTIE BELL ROWELL,	Ŏ	
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VS.	ሽ	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
		AT LAW
SALES FORD, INC., A CORPORATION,	Q	CASE NO.8617
DEFENDANT.	ð	11020161

COUNT ONE

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Sales Ford, Inc., a Corporation, \$50,000.00 damages for that on
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Florida and Monroeville, Alabama in which among other things the
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G. Rowell, purchased a new 1968 Ford automobile for a valuable consideration from Defendant's Ford Dealership in South Flomaton, Florida, and
in accordance with Defendant's instructions possession of the said sold
automobile was taken by Miles G. Rowell from the Defendant's Ford
Dealership in Monroeville, Alabama on, to-wit, April 20, 1968.

And Plaintiff avers that at said time and on said occasion the Defendant warranted in law that said automobile was fit and proper to be used by the Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, or any member of his family in driving. Plaintiff further avers that said sold automobile was not in fact fit and proper to be used by her husband, Miles G. Rowell, or anyone else in driving and as a direct and proximate result and consequence of the breach of said warranty the Plaintiff Mittie Bell Rowell, a passenger in said automobile being operated by her husband on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 was injured when said automobile, while being driven along Alabama Highway 59 a public roadway in Baldwin County, Alabama, became inoperable due to its unfitness for driving and was thereby caused to wreck at or near Tensaw, Alabama in Baldwin County, Alabama; and as a direct and proximate result and consequence thereof Plaintiff was injured and damaged and her injuries consisted of this: She was permanently impaired in that she was made sick, sore and lame, she was bruised about her body, and

she was caused to incur hospital and doctor bills incident to treatment of her injuries and expenses in and about the curing and healing of her said injuries, and the payment of physicians to treat her. And Plaintiff avers that all her said injuries and damages were caused as a direct and proximate consequence of the breach of the Defendant's warranty to her husband, Miles G. Rowell, and to the members of his family that said purchased automobile was fit and proper to be used in driving.

COUNT TWO

The Plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, claims of the Defendant, Sales Ford, Inc., a Corporation, \$50,000.00 damages for a breach of warranty in the sale of a new 1968 Ford Automobile, by Defendant to the Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, on to-wit, the 20th day of April, 1968, which the defendant warranted to be fit and proper to be used in driving, when in fact the said automobile became inoperable on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 while being driven along Alabama Highway 59 a public roadway in Baldwin County, Alabama and was thereby caused to wreck at or near Tensaw, Alabama in Baldwin County, Alabama; and as a direct and proximate result and consequence thereof Plaintiff was injured and damaged and her injuries consisted of this: She was permanently impaired in that she was made sick, sore and lame, she was bruised about her body, and she was caused to incur hospital and doctor bills incident to treatment of her injuries and expenses in and about the curing and healing of her said injuries, and the payment of physicians to treat her. And Plaintiff avers that all her said injuries and damages were caused as a direct and proximate consequence of the breach of the Defendant's warranty to Plaintiff's husband that said automobile was fit and proper to be used in driving. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF:

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Serve the Defendant Sales Ford, Inc., at its place of business in Monroeville, Alabama.

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DEMURRER

Comes now the defendant in the above styled cause and demurs to the plaintiff's complaint herein, and to each count thereof, separately and severally, and for grounds of demurrer sets down and assigns each of the following, separately and severally, to-wit:

- 1. Sufficient facts are not alleged therein to constitute a cause of action.
- 2. For that said count does not set out with sufficient particularity the warranty alleged to have been breached by the defendant.
- 3. For that said count is vague, indefinite and uncertain in that it does not sufficiently appear therefrom whether a written, oral or implied warranty is alleged to have been breached by the defendant.
- 4. For that the allegations therein that "the defendant warranted in law that said automobile was fit and proper to be used by the defendant's husband" is vague, indefinite and uncertain and is a mere conclusion of the pleader not supported by sufficient allegations of fact.
- 5. For that the allegation therein that said sold autombobile was fit and proper to be used by her husband" is a mere conclusion of the pleader not supported by sufficient allegations of fact.
- 6. For that the allegation therein that "while being driven along Alabama Highway 59 a public roadway in Baldwin County, Alabama, [the automobile] became inoperable due to its unfitness for driving" is a mere conclusion of the pleader not supported by sufficient allegations of fact.
- 7. For that it does not sufficiently appear therefrom how or in what manner said automobile is alleged to have become "inoperable".

- 8. For that it is not alleged with sufficient particularity how or in what manner said automobile "became inoperable due to its unfitness."
- 9. For that it does not sufficiently appear therefrom how or in what manner this defendant is alleged to have breached the alleged warranty.
- 10. For that it does not sufficiently appear therefrom how or in what manner said automobile was unfit for driving at the time and place alleged in said complaint.
- 11. The allegations thereof are insufficient to show as a matter of law that there was any legal duty owing by defendant to the plaintiff's wife at the time and with respect to the matters complained of therein.
- 12. For aught appearing therein there was no sufficient causal connection between the plaintiff's damages complained of and the breach of any legal duty owing by the defendant to the plaintiff at the time and with respect to the matters complained of therein.
- 13. For that it is not alleged therein with sufficient particularity where the alleged accident occurred.
 - 14. For that there is a misjoinder of causes of action.

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Sydney R. Prince, III

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served upon counsel for all parties to this proceeding, by mailing the same to each by First Class United States Mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid on this ______ day of ______, 19______

Attorney for

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MITTIE BELL	ROWELL,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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severally,)	CASE NO. 8617
	Defendants.		

CROSS CLAIM OF DEFENDANT SALES FORD, INC., AGAINST DEFENDANT FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

Comes now SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, defendant and cross claimant in the above entitled cause, and for its cross claim against FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., a corporation, defendant and cross defendant herein, respectfully represents and shows unto the court as follows, separately and severally:

1. That in her complaint the plaintiff seeks to recover damages from the defendants for personal injuries allegedly sustained by the plaintiff on, to-wit, the 20th day of April, 1968, while the plaintiff was a passenger in a new 1968 Ford automobile, two door hardtop, identification number 8A30F199611, which said Ford automobile was being operated by the plaintiff's husband along Alabama Highway 59, a public highway in Baldwin County, Alabama, when it became unfit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobiles are used, the steering assembly of said automobile having failed or having become inoperable, thereby causing said automobile to wreck at or near Tensaw, Alabama; that the plaintiff further alleges in her amended complaint that the said defendants, jointly and individually, breached the statutory implied warranty of merchantability set out in Title 7A, Section 2-314(2)(c), of the Code of Alabama, 1940, (Recompiled 1958), in the sale on, to-wit, the 20th day of April, 1968, of said new 1988 Ford automobile to the plaintiff's said husband; that plaintiff alleges that said new Ford automobile was not in fact fit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobiles are used and that said new Ford automobile was imminently dangerous to life and limb when put to the intended use of said automobile in the usual and customary manner and plaintiff did not know of the dangerous character of said automobile prior to the accident of which she complains; that plaintiff further alleges that the defendants

knew, or from the facts should have known, that the steering assembly of said automobile was defectively manufactured, or constructed, or built, or assembled, or designed, and the plaintiff avers that the defendants, jointly and individually, should have reasonably anticipated injury or should have reasonably expected the danger of injury from the use of said defective or dangerous Ford automobile; and that plaintiff further avers that the said dangerous or defective condition of said automobile was not a patent or obvious defect as would reveal said dangerous or defective condition to the plaintiff upon reasonable examination of said new Ford automobile; and finally the plaintiff avers that as a direct and proximate result and consequence of the breach of the aforesaid warranty by the defendants, jointly and individually, the plaintiff was injured. Defendants deny and have denied in their answer to the plaintiff's amended complaint all of the plaintiff's material allegations. Copies of the original and amended complaints of the plaintiff and the answer of the defendant. Sales Ford, Inc. are attached hereto and made parts hereof as Exhibits A, B, C and D.

- 2. Cross claimant, Sales Ford, Inc., avers that the said new Ford automobile in which plaintiff was riding when the steering assembly of said automobile failed or became inoperable on, to-wit, the 20th day of April, 1968, was manufactured by defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. and was supplied by said defendant and cross defendant to cross claimant with the knowledge that it was intended to be used for the ordinary purposes for which such automobiles are used and cross claimant avers that at the time and place of the accident which injured the plaintiff said automobile was being operated by the plaintiff's husband and used in the usual and customary manner for which said new Ford automobile was intended to be used.
- 3. Cross claimant, Sales Ford, Inc., avers that prior to and during the occurrence of the accident to which reference is made in the plaintiff's amended complaint, and at the time said new Ford automobile, hereinabove described, was furnished by defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. to cross claimant, Sales Ford, Inc., the said new Ford automobile was imminently or

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inherently dangerous and was not reasonably safe for the use and purpose for which it was intended but, on the contrary, said new Ford automobile was imminently or inherently dangerous due to the defective condition of said new Ford automobile in that the steering assembly of said new Ford automobile was defectively manufactured, or constructed, or built, or assembled, or designed, so that it was likely to fail or become inoperable while said new Ford automobile was being operated in its usual and ordinary manner and in the manner intended by defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc., all of which was known at said time and place to cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc., or which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been known to it but which was not known and was not in any manner revealed to cross claimant Sales Ford, Inc. and which said dangerous or defective condition of said new Ford automobile could not have been known upon reasonable inspection and examination of said automobile by cross claimant Sales Ford, Inc. Cross claimant avers that the plaintiff's injury was caused as a direct and proximate result of the active and primary negligence of defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. in negligently manufacturing or negligently supplying said new Ford automobile for use by the purchaser thereof in the aforesaid imminently or inherently dangerous condition and, if said Sales Ford, Inc. is held liable to the plaintiff, it will be due to the passive and secondary negligence of Sales Ford, Inc., which negligence is expressly denied.

4. Cross claimant adopts all the allegations of Paragraph 1 through 3 of this cross claim. Cross claimant avers that the plaintiff's injury was caused as a direct and proximate result of the active and primary negligence of defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. in negligently failing to warn the plaintiff and cross claimant Sales Ford, Inc. in any manner of the aforesaid imminently or inherently dangerous condition of said new Ford automobile of which condition defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. knew or, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known, and which was unknown to cross claimant Sales Ford, Inc., and if Sales Ford, Inc. is held liable to the

plaintiff, it will be due to the passive and secondary negligence of Sales Ford, Inc. which negligence is expressly denied.

- 5. Cross claimant adopts all the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 3 of this cross claim. Cross claimant avers that defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc., when it furnished the said new Ford automobile, impliedly warranted that the said automobile was reasonably fit for the use and purpose for which it was manufactured and furnished, that is, to provide transportation for the purchaser of said automobile and other users thereof, and cross claimant avers that the plaintiff's injury was caused as a direct and proximate result of the breach by defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, of this implied warranty in that said new Ford automobile was not fit for the use and purpose for which it was manufactured but was, on the contrary, imminently or inherently dangerous to the life and health of the purchaser thereof, including the plaintiff, due to the defective condition aforesaid.
- 6. The plaintiff's injury at the time and place complained of in the plaintiff's amended complaint was caused by the active and primary negligence of defendant and cross-defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. in negligently manufacturing or negligently supplying and furnishing said new Ford automobile to cross claimant Sales Ford, Inc., for sale to the general public; and/or in negligently failing to warn cross claimant Sales Ford, Inc. of the imminently or inherently dangerous condition of said new Ford automobile as aforesaid; and/or by the breach of its implied warranty that said new Ford automobile was reasonably fit for the use and purpose for which it was manufactured, that is, to provide transportation for the purchaser thereof; and said injuries and damages were caused by the active and primary negligence of the defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. and if Sales Ford, Inc. is held liable to the plaintiff, it will be due to the passive and secondary negligence of Sales Ford, Inc., which negligence is expressly denied.
- 7. If the plaintiff herein recovers a verdict and judgment against this defendant and cross claimant, Sales Ford, Inc., for damages as claimed in plaintiff's

complaint, defendant and cross claimant, Sales Ford, Inc., avers that this will have been brought about by the active and primary negligence of defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc., as aforesaid, if Sales Ford, Inc. is held liable to the plaintiff it will be due to the passive and secondary negligence of Sales Ford, Inc. which negligence is expressly denied.

Wherefore, the premises considered, the defendant and cross claimant, Sales Ford, Inc., prays that it be indemnified by defendant and cross defendant, Ford Motor Company, Inc., for any sum or sums which may be recovered herein by plaintiff against this defendant and cross claimant Sales Ford, Inc., together with all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in defending this law suit, and defendant and cross claimant Sales Ford, Inc. demands judgment against defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. for the same.

SYDNEY R. PRINCE, III

Attorney for Defendant and Cross Claimant Sales Ford, Inc.

Of Counsel:

INGE, TWITTY, DUFFY & PRINCE

Defendant and cross claimant Sales Ford, Inc. respectfully demands a trial by jury as to all issues between it and defendant and cross defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. in this cause.

SYDNEY R. PRINCE, III

Attorney for Defendant and Cross Claimant

Sales Ford, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served upon counsel for all parties to this proceeding by mailing the same to each by First Class United States Mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid on this day of Accounter, 1970.

SYDNEY R. PRINCE, III

Attorney for Defendant and Cross Defendant Sales Ford, Inc.

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COUNT TWO

The Plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, claims of the Defendant, Sales Ford, Inc., a Corporation, \$50,000.00 damages for a breach of warranty in the sale of a new 1968 Ford Automobile, by Defendant to the Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, on to-wit, the 20th day of April, 1963, which the defendant warranted to be fit and proper to be used in driving, when in fact the said automobile became inoperable on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 while being driven along Alabama Highway 59 a public roedway in Baldwin County, Alabama and was thereby caused to wreck at or near Tensaw, Alabama in Baldwin County, Alabama; and as a direct and proximate result and consequence thereof Plaintiff was injured and damaged and her injuries consisted of this: She was permanently impaired in that she was made sick, sore and lame, she was bruised about her body, and she was caused to incur hospital and doctor bills incident to treatment of her injuries and expenses in and about the curing and healing of her said injuries, and the payment of physicians to treat her. And Plaintiff avers that all her said injuries and damages were caused as a direct and proximate consequence of the breach of the Defendant's warranty to Plaintiff's husband that said automobile was fit and proper to be used in driving. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF:

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Serve the Defendant Sales Ford, Inc., at its place of business in Monroeville, Alabama.

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,

Plaintiff

BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA

VS:

AT LAW

SALES FORD, INC., a

corporation,

Defendant

CASE NO. 8617

Comes now the Plaintiff in the above styled cause and with leave of Court first had and obtained, amends her complaint heretofore filed in the following, separate and several, respects:

1. By adding Ford Motor Company, Inc., a corporation, as a Party Defendant so that the style of the cause shall now be:

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,

Plaintiff

VS:

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., a corporation, and SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, jointly and individually,

Defendants

2. By deleting the Count One heretofore filed by the Plaintiff and substituting therefor the following C ount Two:

COUNT TWO THREE

The Plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, claims of the Defendants, jointly and individually, \$50,000.00 damages for a breach of warranty in the sale of a new 1968 Ford automobile and Plaintiff avers that on and prior to, to-wit, April 20, 1968 Defendant Sales Ford, Inc., a corporation, operated what was commonly known as Ford Automobile Dealerships in South Flomaton, Florida and Monroeville, Alabama, in which, among other things, the Defendant, Sales Ford, Inc., a corporation, sold new Ford automobiles, manufactured by Ford Motor Company, Inc., a corporation, Defendant herein, and Plaintiff further avers that on, to-wit, the 20th day of April, 1968, Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, purchased a new 1968 Ford automobile for a

valuable consideration from Defendant Sales Ford, Inc's
Ford Automobile Dealership in South Flomaton, Florida, and
in accordance with Defendant Sales Ford, Inc.'s instructions
possession of the said sold new 1968 Ford automobile was taken
by Miles G. Rowell from Sales Ford, Inc.'s Ford Automobile
Dealership in Monroeville, Alabama on, to-wit, April 20, 1968,
and Plaintiff avers that said sold new 1968 Ford automobile was
manufactured by Ford Motor Company, Inc. and distributed by
Ford Motor Company, Inc. to said Ford Automobile Dealership
operated by Sales Ford, Inc.

And Plaintiff avers that at said time and on said occasion the Defendants, jointly and individually, warranted in law that said automobile was fit and proper to be used by the Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, or any member of his family in driving. Plaintiff further avers that said sold new automobile was not in fact fit and proper to be used by her husband, Miles G. Rowell, or anyone elese in driving and as a direct and proximate result and consequence of the breach of said warranty the Plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, a passenger in said new automobile being operated by her husband on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 was injured when said automobile, while being driven along Alabama Highway 59, a public roadway in Baldwin County, Alabama, became inoperable and unfit for driving due to the failure of the steering of said automobile and was thereby caused to wreck at or near Tensaw, Alabama in Baldwin County, Alabama; and as a direct and proximate result and consequence thereof, Plaintiff was injured and damaged and her injuries consisted of this: She was permanently impaired in that she was made sick, sore and lame; she was bruised about her body, and she was caused to incur hospital and doctor bills incident to treatment of her injuries and expenses in and about the curing and healing of her said injuries, in the payment of physicans to treat her; she was caused to suffer great physical pain and mental anguish; and Plaintiff avers that all of her said injuries and damages were caused a direct and proximate consequence of the breach of the said warranty of the Defendants, jointly and individually

WILLIAM L. HOWELL

Please serve a copy of the original complaint, all pleadings heretofore filed, and this present complaint setting out Count Two on Ford Motor Company, Inc., a corporation, by serving its statutory agents, Fred S. Ball, Jr. and Richard A. Ball, its statutory agents, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Plaintiff)

V_S

FORD MCTOR COMPANY, INC.,) AT LAW a corporation, and SALES FORD INC., a corporation, jointly).

and individually Defendants)

CASE NO. ____8617_____

Plaintiff claims of the defendants, jointly and individually, \$200,000.00 for breach of the statutory implied warrant of merchantability set out in title 7A, Section 2-314 (2) (C), Code of Alabama 1940 (recompiled in 1958) in the sale of a new 1968 Ford automobile, 2-door, hardtop, identification number 8A30F199611.

Plaintiff avers that on, to-wit, April 20, 1968, defendant, Sales Ford Inc. operated what are commonly known as Ford Automobile Dealerships, South Flomaton, Florida and Monroville, Alabama in which, among other things, the defendant, Sales Ford, sold new Ford automobiles manufactured by the defendant, Ford Motor Company, and plaintiff further avers that on, to-wit, April 20, 1968, the plaintiff's husband Miles G. Rowell purchased a new 1968 Ford automobile, 2-door, hardtop, identification number 8A30F199611 for a valuable consideration from defendant Sales Ford's Ford automobile dealership in South Flomaton, Florida, and, in accordance with the defendant Sales Ford's instructions, possession of the said new Ford automobile was taken by Miles G. Rowell from Sales Ford's Automobile dealership in Monroeville, Alabama on, to-wit, April 20, 1968, and plaintiff avers that said new 1968 Ford automobile was manufactured by defendant Ford Motor Company and distributed by defendant Ford Motor Company to defendant Sales Ford's automobile dealership.

And plaintiff avers that at said time and on said occasion, the defendants, jointly and individually, warranted in law, that said automobile was fit for the ordinary purposes for which said sutemobile is used, and plaintiff avers that the defendants, jointly and individually, reasonably expected that plaintiff, wife or the

• purchaser of said Otomobile, may use or be a Octed by said,

plaintiff avers that said new Ford automobile was not in fact, fit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobiles are used, that said Ford automobile was not in fact fit and proper to be used in the usual and customary manner for which such automobiles are intended to be used. Plaintiff avers that the defendants, jointly and individually, knew, or from facts, should have known, that said sold new Ford automobile was imminently dangerous to life or limb when put to the intended use of said automobile in the usual and customary manner, and plaintiff avers that the dangerous character of said automobile was unknown by and not made known to the plaintiff prior to the accident of which she hereinafter complains.

Plaintiff avers that the defendants, jointly and individually knew, or from facts, should have known, the steering assembly of said automobile was defectively manufactured, or constructed, or built, or assembled, or designed, and the plaintiff avers that the defendants, jointly and individually, should have reasonably anticipated injury or should have reasonably expected the danger of injury from the use of the said defective or dangerous Ford automobile. And plaintiff avers that the said dangerous or defective condition of said automobile was not a patent or obvious defect as would reveal said dangerous or defective condition to the plaintiff upon reasonable examination of the said automobile.

Plaintiff avers that as a direct and proximate result and consequence of the breach of the aforesaid warranty by the defendants, jointly and individually, the plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, a passenger in the said new Ford automobile while being operated by her husband on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 was injured when said automobile, while being driven along Alabama highway 59, a public roadway in Baldwin County, Alabama, became unfit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobiles are used, the steering assembly of said automobile having failed or having become inoperable, said

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expenses in and about the curing and healing of her said injuries;

and the payments of Physicians to treat her; she was caused to

suffer great physical pain and mental pain; and plaintiff avers

that all of her said injuries and damages were caused as a direct

and proximate result and consequence of the breach of the said

warranty of the defendants, jointly and individually.

plaintiff avers that at the time of the wreck and the infliction of the injuries aforesaid, the said Ford automobile was being applied to use for which it was manufactured and sold and that at said time, said Ford automobile was being used in the usual and customary manner for which said automobile was intended to be used. And plaintiff avers, in the alternative, that the defendants, jointly and individually, were given notice of the aforesaid breach of warranty by the plaintiff or in the alternative, that the defendants, jointly and individually, had actual knowledge and notice of the aforesaid breach of warranty, prior to the filing of this complaint.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I cartify that on this _____day of______a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served upon counsel for all adverse parties to this proceeding by mailing the same to each by first class U. S. mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid.

ATTORNEY FOR

GIBBONS & STOKES

Attorney for Plaintiff

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ANSWER

Comes now the defendant, SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, in the above styled cause, and for answer to the plaintiff's complaint and to each count thereof, separately and severally, makes and files the following separate and several pleas:

- 1. Not guilty.
- 2. Defendant denies the material allegations thereof.

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Sydney R. Prince, III

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I certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served upon counsel for all parties to this proceeding, by mailing the same to each by First Class United States Mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid on this ______ day of ______, 19______.

Attorney for

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Defendants.

DEMURRER

Comes now the defendant, SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, in the above styled cause and refiles its demurrers heretofore filed in this cause to the plaintiff's complaint as last amended. Said defendant demurs to the amended complaint on the separate and several grounds set forth in the defendant's demurrer to the complaint heretoforefiled herein.

INGE, TWITTY, DUFFY & PRINCE

Sydney R. Prince, III

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the feregoing pleading has been served upon counsel for all parties to this proceeding, by mailing the same to each by First Class United States Mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid on this 2 day

Attorney for

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MITTIE BELL ROWELL,

Plaintiff

BALDWIN COUNTY,

ALABAMA

VS:

AT LAW

SALES FORD, INC., a corporation,

Defendant

CASE NO. 8617

Comes now the Plaintiff in the above styled cause and with leave of Court first had and obtained, amends her complaint heretofore filed in the following, separate and several, respects:

1. By adding Ford Motor Company, Inc., a corporation, as a Party Defendant so that the style of the cause shall now be: MITTIE BELL ROWELL,

Plaintiff

VS:

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., a corporation, and SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, jointly and individually,

Defendants

2. By deleting the Count One heretofore filed by the Plaintiff and substituting therefor the following C ount Two:

COUNT TWO THREE

The Plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, claims of the Defendants, jointly and individually, \$50,000.00 damages for a breach of warranty in the sale of a new 1968 Ford automobile and Plaintiff avers that on and prior to, to-wit, April 20, 1968 Defendant Sales Ford, Inc., a corporation, operated what was commonly known as Ford Automobile Dealerships in South Flomaton, Florida and Monroeville, Alabama, in which, among other things, the Defendant, Sales Ford, Inc., a corporation, sold new Ford automobiles, manufactured by Ford Motor Company, Inc., a corporation, Defendant herein, and Plaintiff further avers that on, to-wit, the 20th day of April, 1968, Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, purchased a new 1968 Ford automobile for a

valuable consideration from Defendant Sales Ford, Inc's
Ford Automobile Dealership in South Flomaton, Florida, and
in accordance with Defendant Sales Ford, Inc.'s instructions
possession of the said sold new 1968 Ford automobile was taken
by Miles G. Rowell from Sales Ford, Inc.'s Ford Automobile
Dealership in Monroeville, Alabama on, to-wit, April 20, 1968,
and Plaintiff avers that said sold new 1968 Ford automobile was
manufactured by Ford Motor Company, Inc. and distributed by
Ford Motor Company, Inc. to said Ford Automobile Dealership
operated by Sales Ford, Inc.

And Plaintiff avers that at said time and on said occasion the Defendants, jointly and individually, warranted in law that said automobile was fit and proper to be used by the Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, or any member of his family in driving. Plaintiff further avers that said sold new automobile was not in fact fit and proper to be used by her husband, Miles G. Rowell, or anyone elese in driving and as a direct and proximate result and consequence of the breach of said warranty the Plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, a passenger in said new automobile being operated by her husband on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 was injured when said automobile, while being driven along Alabama Highway 59, a public roadway in Baldwin County, Alabama, became inoperable and unfit for driving due to the failure of the steering of said automobile and was thereby caused to wreck at or near Tensaw, Alabama in Baldwin County, Alabama; and as a direct and proximate result and consequence thereof, Plaintiff was injured and damaged and her injuries consisted of this: She was permanently impaired in that she was made sick, sore and lame; she was bruised about her body, and she was caused to incur hospital and doctor bills incident to treatment of her injuries and expenses in and about the curing and healing of her said injuries, in the payment of physicans to treat her; she was caused to suffer great physical pain and mental anguish; and Plaintiff avers that all of her said injuries and damages were caused a direct and proximate consequence of the breach of the said warranty of the Defendants, jointly and individually.

WILLIAM L. HOWELL

Please serve a copy of the original complaint, all pleadings heretofore filed, and this present complaint setting out Count Two on Ford Motor Company, Inc., a corporation, by serving its statutory agents, Fred S. Ball, Jr. and Richard A. Ball, 200 S. Lawrence Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

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MITTIE BELL ROWELL,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

Plaintiff,

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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VS.

AT LAW

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., a corporation, and SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, jointly and individually,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 8617

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DEMURRER

Comes now the defendant in the above-styled cause named as Ford Motor Company, Inc., a corporation, and separately and severally, demurs to the amended complaint, and each count thereof, and for separate and several grounds of demurrer sets down and assigns the following, separately and severally:

- 1. For that it does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against this defendant.
- 2. For that it does not appear with sufficient certainty what duty, if any, this defendant may have owed to the plaintiff.
- 3. For that it does not appear with sufficient certainty wherein this defendant violated any duty owed by defendant to the plaintiff.
- 4. For that the averments set up, if true, do not show any liability on the part of this defendant.

- 5. For that there does not appear sufficient causal connection between this defendant's said breach of duty and plaintiff's injuries and damages.
 - 6. For that said count is duplicitous.
- 7. For that each alternative averment does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against this defendant.
 - 8. For that there is a misjoinder of parties defendant.
- 9. For that there is no allegation of privity existing between the plaintiff and this defendant.
- 10. For that no facts are alleged showing that this defendant knew or should have known that said automobile was imminently or inherently dangerous.
- 11. For that there is no allegation that this defendant knew or should have known that said automobile was defectively manufactured, constructed, built or designed.
- 12. For aught appearing the alleged dangerous and defective condition of said automobile was a patent defect which was obvious to the plaintiff, hence there was no duty upon this defendant to warn plaintiff of the alleged defect or dangerous condition.
- 13. For that no facts are alleged to show that this defendant had, or exercised, any degree of control over said automobile at the time and place of the alleged accident.

- 14. For that it is not sufficiently alleged that the plaintiff was using said automobile in the usual and customary manner for which it was intended to be used.
- 15. For that no facts are alleged showing that this defendant was given any notice of the alleged breach of warranty by the plaintiff as required by law.
- 16. For aught that appears, said automobile was not at the time of the accident in which plaintiff was injured in substantially the same condition as it was when this defendant manufactured, constructed or assembled said automobile.
- 17. For aught that appears from the allegations of the complaint, there is no causal connection between the plaintiff's accident and her alleged injuries and any breach of warranty made by this defendant.
- 18. For that it does not sufficiently appear from the allegations of the complaint that the alleged failure of the steering of said automobile was due to any breach of warranty by this defendant.
- 19. For aught that appears from the complaint, there was an independent intervening act which proximately caused the alleged injuries and damages complained of by the plaintiff.
- 20. For that the allegations of said count purport to show a warranty of fitness for a particular purpose but there are insufficient facts alleged in support thereof.

- 21. For that the averment of the alleged breach of the alleged warranty is insufficient.
- 22. For that the allegations setting forth the alleged warranty are insufficient.
- 23. For that the averment of the breach of warranty is a mere conclusion of the pleader, insufficient facts being set forth in support thereof.
- 24. For that the alleged breach of warranty is alleged in generalities and fails to specifically set forth said breach.
- 25. For that it affirmatively appears from the face of said count that the plaintiff failed, within a reasonable time after she discovered or should have discovered the alleged breach, to notify the defendant of the breach.

26. For that said automobile was sold under its trade name.

Donald F. Pièrce

Trial Attorneys for Defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc.

OF COUNSEL

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing demurrer to William Roy Stokes,
Esquire, William L. Howell, Esquire, and Sydney R. Prince, III,
Esquire, Attorneys of Record, by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their offices in Brewton, Alabama, Mobile,
Alabama and Mobile, Alabama, respectively, on this 4th day of November, 1969.

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ALCE J. DESCRIPTION

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF	
	Plaintiff)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA	
vs)		
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, IN a corporation, and SAI		AT LAW	
INC., a corporation, and individually			
-	Defendants)	CASE NO. 8617	
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Plaintiff claims of the defendants, jointly and individually, \$200,000.00 for breach of the statutory implied warrant of merchantability set out in title 7A, Section 2-314 (2) (C), Code of Alabama 1940 (recompiled in 1958) in the sale of a new 1968 Ford automobile, 2-door, hardtop, identification number 8A30F199611.

Plaintiff avers that on, to-wit, April 20, 1968, defendant, Sales Ford Inc. operated what are commonly known as Ford Automobile Dealerships, South Flomaton, Florida and Monroville, Alabama in which, among other things, the defendant, Sales Ford, sold new Ford automobiles manufactured by the defendant, Ford Motor Company, and plaintiff further avers that on, to-wit, April 20, 1968, the plaintiff's husband Miles G. Rowell purchased a new 1968 Ford automobile, 2-door, hardtop, identification number 8A30F199611 for a valuable consideration from defendant Sales Ford's Ford automobile dealership in South Flomaton, Florida, and, in accordance with the defendant Sales Ford's instructions, possession of the said new Ford automobile was taken by Miles G. Rowell from Sales Ford's Automobile dealership in Monroeville, Alabama on, to-wit, April 20, 1968, and plaintiff avers that said new 1968 Ford automobile was manufactured by defendant Ford Motor Company and distributed by defendant Ford Motor Company to defendant Sales Ford's automobile dealership.

And plaintiff avers that at said time and on said occasion, the defendants, jointly and individually, warranted in law, that said automobile was fit for the ordinary purposes for which said automobile is used, and plaintiff avers that the defendants, jointly and individually, reasonably expected that plaintiff, wife of the

purchaser of said automobile, may use or be affected by said automobile.

Plaintiff avers that said new Ford automobile was not in fact, fit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobiles are used, that said Ford automobile was not in fact fit and proper to be used in the usual and customary manner for which such automobiles are intended to be used. Plaintiff avers that the defendants, jointly and individually, knew, or from facts, should have known, that said sold new Ford automobile was imminently dangerous to life or limb when put to the intended use of said automobile in the usual and customary manner, and plaintiff avers that the dangerous character of said automobile was unknown by and not made known to the plaintiff prior to the accident of which she hereinafter complains.

plaintiff avers that the defendants, jointly and individually knew, or from facts, should have known, the steering assembly of said automobile was defectively manufactured, or constructed, or built, or assembled, or designed, and the plaintiff avers that the defendants, jointly and individually, should have reasonably anticipated injury or should have reasonably expected the danger of injury from the use of the said defective or dangerous Ford automobile. And plaintiff avers that the said dangerous or defective condition of said automobile was not a patent or obvious defect as would reveal said dangerous or defective condition to the plaintiff upon reasonable examination of the said automobile.

plaintiff avers that as a direct and proximate result and consequence of the breach of the aforesaid warranty by the defendants, jointly and individually, the plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, a passenger in the said new Ford automobile while being operated by her husband on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 was injured when said automobile, while being driven along Alabama highway 59, a public roadway in Baldwin County, Alabama, became unfit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobiles are used, the steering assembly of said automobile having failed or having become inoperable, said

automobile was thereby caused to wreck, at or near Tensaw, Alabama, and as a direct and proximate consequence thereof, plaintiff was injured and damaged and her injuries consisted of this; She was permanently impaired in that she was made sick, sore and lame; she was bruised about her body, and she was caused to incur Hospital and Doctor bills incident to treatment of her injuries and expenses in and about the curing and healing of her said injuries; and the payments of Physicians to treat her; she was caused to suffer great physical pain and mental pain; and plaintiff avers that all of her said injuries and damages were caused as a direct and proximate result and consequence of the breach of the said warranty of the defendants, jointly and individually.

Plaintiff avers that at the time of the wreck and the infliction of the injuries aforesaid, the said Ford automobile was being applied to use for which it was manufactured and sold and that at said time, said Ford automobile was being used in the usual and customary manner for which said automobile was intended to be used. And plaintiff avers, in the alternative, that the defendants, jointly and individually, were given notice of the aforesaid breach of warranty by the plaintiff or in the alternative, that the defendants, jointly and individually, had actual knowledge and notice of the aforesaid breach of warranty, prior to the filing of this complaint.

GIBBONS & STOKES

Attorney for Plaintiff

tify that on this Z day of Act a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served upon counsel for all adverse parties to this proceeding by mailing the same to each by first class U.S. mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid.

ATTORNEY FOR

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MITTIE BELL ROWELL,

Plaintiff,

PORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC.,)

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FORD, INC., a corporation, jointly and
individually,

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DEMORRER

Defendants.

Comes now one of the defendants in the above-styled cause, Ford Motor Company, Inc., a corporation, and demurs to the plaintiff's complaint as last amended and to each count thereof, and for separate and several grounds of demurrer, sets down and assigns the following, separately and severally:

1. For that it does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against this defendant.

- 2. For that it does not appear with sufficient certainty what duty, if any, this defendant may have owed to the plaintiff.
- 5. For that it does not appear with sufficient certainty wherein this defendant violated any duty owed by defendant to the plaintiff.
- 4. For that the averments set up, if true, do not show any liability on the part of this defendant.
- 5. For that there does not appear sufficient causat connection between this defendant's said breach of duty and plaintiff's injuries and damages.
- 6. For that said count is duplicatous.

- 7. For that each alternative averment does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against this defendant.
- 8. For that each alternative defect, if any, complained of, could not result from each alternative act allegedly done by this defendant.
- 9. Said count fails to allege that this defendant constructed the steering assembly in the automobile complained of.
- 10. For that said count fails to allege that this defendant built the steering assembly in the automobile complained of.
- 11. For that said count fails to allege that this defendant assembled the sterring assembly in the automobile complained of.
- 12. For that said count fails to allege that this defendant designed the steering assembly in the automobile complained of.
 - 13. For that there is a misjoinder of parties defendant.
- 14. For that there is no allegation of privity existing between the plaintiff and this defendant.
- 15. For that it affirmatively appears from the allegations of said count that this defendant did not sell this automobile to the plaintiff.
- 16. For that it affirmatively appears from the allegations of said count that there was no warranty from this defendant to the plaintiff.

- 17. For that it affirmatively appears from the allegations of said count that this defendant did not warrant to the plaintiff that said automobile was fit for the ordinary purposes for which said automobile was to be used.
- 18. For that it affirmatively appears from the allegations of said count that said automobile was sold to the plaintiff by someone other than this defendant.
- 19. For that it affirmatively appears from the allegations of said count that the provisions of Title 7A, Section 2-314(2)(c), Code of Alabama 1940 (Recomp. 1958) are inapplicable in the case at bar.
 - 20. It affirmatively appears from the allegations of said count that plaintiff was entitled to no statutory implied warranty of merchantability as provided for in Title 7A, Section 2-314(2)(c), Code of Alabama 1940 (Recomp. 1958) in that the sale of the automobile in question took place in Florida and not in Alabama.
 - 21. For that no facts are alleged to show that this defendant had, or exercised, any degree of control over said automobile at the time and place of or prior to the alleged accident.
 - 22. For that it is not sufficiently alleged that the plaintiff was using said automobile in the usual and customary manner for which it was intended to be used.
 - 23. For that said count fails to allege with sufficient certainty to whom this defendant distributed said automobile.

- 24. For aught that appears from the allegations of said count this defendant did not distribute this automobile to any dealer in Monroeville, Alabama.
- 25. For aught that appears from said count, this defendant made no covenant or agreement with the plaintiff.
- 26. For that said count fails to allege with sufficient certainty the substance of the warranty allegedly breached by this defendant.
- 27. For that said count fails to allege sufficient facts which indicate wherein the purported warranty was allegedly breached by this defendant.
- 28. For that said count fails to allege wherein any warranty was breached by this defendant.
- 29. For that the averment of the breach of warranty is a mere conclusion of the pleader, insufficient facts being set forth in support thereof.
- 30. For that said count fails to allege with sufficient certainty the defect, if any, in the steering assembly of said automobile about which she complains.
- 31. For that the allegation in said count that "the steering assembly of said automobile was defectively manufactured, or constructed, or built, or assembled, or designed, . . ." is but a conclusion of the pleader.
- 32. For that said count is vague, indefinite and uncertain, in that it does not apprise this defendant with sufficient certainty against what act or acts defendant is called on to defend.

- 33. Said count fails to allege with sufficient certainty the defect about which the plaintiff complains.
- 34. For that it does not sufficiently appear from the allegations of said count that the alleged failure of the steering assembly of said automobile was due to any breach of warranty by this defendant.
- 35. For aught that appears from the allegations of said count, there is no causal connection between the plaintiff's accident and her alleged injuries and any breach of warranty by this defendant.
- 36. For aught that appears, said automobile was not, at the time of the accident in which the plaintiff was injured, in substantially the same condition it was when this defendant manufactured, constructed or assembled said automobile.
- 37. For that said count fails to allege sufficient facts showing that this defendant was given any notice of the alleged breach of warranty by the plaintiff as required by law.
- 38. For that said count fails to allege sufficient facts showing that the plaintiff took such steps as may be reasonably required to inform this defendant in ordinary course of its alleged breach of warranty.
- 39. For that the allegation in said count that this defendant was "given notice of the aforesaid breach of warranty by the plaintiff" is but a conclusion of the pleader.

- 40. For that it does not appear, except by way of conclusion, from the allegations of said count that this defendant was, within a reasonable time after plaintiff discovered or should have discovered the defect, if any, in said automobile, given notice of the defect, if any, by the plaintiff.
- For that it affirmatively appears from the face of said count that the plaintiff failed, within a reasonable time after she discovered or should have discovered the alleged breach, to notify the defendant of the breach.
- 42. For aught that appears from the allegations of said count, the alleged statutory implied warranty of merchantability was excluded or modified.
- For that said count fails to allege that the purported statutory implied warranty of merchantability was not, in some other fashion, excluded or modified.
- 44. For that there is a misjoinder of causes of action.
 - For that there is a misjoinder of parties plaintiff.

46. For that there is a misjoinder of parties defendant.

Attorneys for Ford Motor Company,

Inc., a corporation

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Demurrer to William Roy Stokes, Esq., William L. Howell, Esq. and to Sydney R. Prince, III, Esq., by depositing copies of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their respective offices on this 30 th day of april , 1970

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Plaintiff,)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
VS.)	AT LAW
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., a corporation, and SALES FORD,)	
INC., a corporation, jointly and severally,)	
Defendants)	CASE NO. 8617

DEM URRER

Comes now the defendant, SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, in the above styled cause and refiles its demurrers heretofore filed herein to the plaintiff's complaint as last amended. Said defendant demurs to the amended complaint on the separate and several grounds set forth in the defendant's demurrer to the complaint heretofore filed herein.

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Sydney R. Prince, III

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Attorney for

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MITTIE BELL ROWELL,) Plaintiff,) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AT LAW) vs. FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC.,) et al.,) Defendants.) CASE NO. 8617

NOTICE

TO: William Roy Stokes, Esq.
William L. Howell, Esq.
Sydney R. Prince, III, Esq.

Please take notice that on the 5 th day of August, 1970, in the Brewton Medical Center, 1315 McMillan Drive, Brewton, Alabama, the defendant, Ford Motor Company, will take the deposition of Dr. Robert L. Hays at 3:00 p.m., upon oral examination pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, designated as Act No. 375, Regular Session 1955, Approved September 8, 1955, before an officer authorized to take depositions and swear witnesses in said County in said State. The oral examination will continue from day to day until completed, and you are invited to attend and crossexamine.

DONALD F. PIERCE

MICHAEL D KNIGHT

Attorneys for Ford Motor Company

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

Please issue a subpoena duces tecum to Dr. Robert L. Hays to bring with him all x-rays, records, memoranda, correspondence, etc. pertaining to his treatment of Mittie Bell Rowell.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice to William Roy Stokes, Esq., William L. Howell, Esq. and to Sydney R. Prince, III, Esq., by depositing copies of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their respective offices on this day of , 1970.

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MITTIE BELL ROWELL,

Plaintiff,

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

vs.

AT LAW

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC.,
et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 8617

MOTION TO PRODUCE NAMES OF WITNESSES

Comes now one of the defendants in the above-styled cause, Ford Motor Company, and respectfully moves the court for an order requiring the plaintiff to produce, within a reasonable time prior to the trial hereof, the names of any expert witnesses which plaintiff intends to call at the trial hereof to testify as to the defect, if any, in the steering assembly of a 1968 Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial No. 8A30F199611 made the basis of this cause so that they might be deposed by the defendant, Ford Motor Company.

As grounds for its said motion, the defendant, Ford Motor Company, avers as follows:

Said action brought by the plaintiff against this defendant and Sales Ford, Inc., a corporation, seeks damages from this defendant for the alleged breach of its warranty to the plaintiff, more particularly, that the steering assembly of said Ford automobile failed and became inoperable. Based on its prior investigation in this matter and, in particular, the depositions of the plaintiff and her husband, Miles G. Rowell, this defendant is unaware of any expert who has examined said Ford automobile or any part or parts thereof. If, however, an inspection of said Ford automobile or any part or parts thereof has been made by an expert for and on behalf of the plaintiff, and said expert intends to testify at the trial hereof, the

opportunity to depose said expert or experts is necessary and material to the proper presentation of this defendant's case. Defendant further avers that it is informed and believes and, based upon such information and belief, states that, if such expert testimony is to be used, the plaintiff has possession, custody of, control of or power over the names and addresses of said expert witnesses.

DONALD F. PIERCE

MICHAEL D. KNIGHT

Attorneys for Ford Møtfor Company

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

STATE OF ALABAMA: COUNTY OF MOBILE:

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Michael D. Knight, who is known to me, and known to me to be one of the attorneys for the defendant, Ford Motor Company, named in the foregoing motion, who, being first duly sworn on oath, doth depose and says as follows:

My name is Michael D. Knight, and I am one of the attorneys of record for the defendant, Ford Motor Company, named in the body of the foregoing motion filed in this cause. The production of the names of any expert witnesses intended by the plaintiff to be called at the trial hereof to testify as to any purported defect in said 1968 Ford automobile or any part or parts thereof is necessary and material to the issues in this cause, and it is necessary and material that the said names be produced within a reasonable time prior to the date of the trial hereof in order for this defendant to take the depositions of said expert witnesses so that it might prepare a proper defense as to the issues in the cause pertaining to any alleged defect in said 1968 Ford automobile or any part or parts thereof.

MICHAEL D. KNIGHT

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this day of , 1970

NOTARY PUBLIC, MØBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

My Commission Expires

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Produce to William Roy Stokes, Esq., William L. Howell, Esq. and to Sydney R. Prince, III, Esq., by depositing copies of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their respective offices on this day of , 1970.

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ALICE J. DUCK CLERK REGISTER

MOTION TO PRODUCE

Comes now one of the defendants in the above-styled cause, Ford Motor Company, a corporation, and respectfully moves the court to require the plaintiff to produce within a reasonable time prior to the trial hereof, for the inspection of this defendant, the right front tire and the right front wheel assembly of the 1968 Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial No. 8A30F199611.

As grounds for its said motion, said defendant avers the following:

Said action brought by the plaintiff against this defendant and Sales Ford, Inc., a corporation alleges that these defendants breached their warranty to the plaintiff in the sale of said Ford automobile in that the steering assembly thereof failed and became inoperable, and the inspection of the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of said Ford automobile are necessary and material to the proper presentation of the defendant's case, which evidence is pertinent to the issues herein. Defendant further avers that he is informed and believes and, based upon such information and belief, states that the plaintiff has possession of, custody of, control of or power over said right front tire and right front wheel assembly of said Ford automobile.

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

STATE OF ALABAMA: COUNTY OF MOBILE:

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared Michael D. Knight, Esq., who is known to me, and known to me to be one of the attorneys for the defendant, Ford Motor Company, named in the foregoing motion, who, being first duly sworn on oath, doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Michael D. Knight, and I am one of the attorneys of record for the defendant, Ford Motor Company, named in the body of the foregoing motion filed in this cause. The inspection of the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile is necessary and material to the issues in this cause, and it is necessary and material that said parts be produced for inspection on behalf of the defendant, Ford Motor Company, within a reasonable time prior to the trial of this cause, in order to enable a proper defense to be prepared as to the issues in the case pertaining to this defendant's alleged breach of its warranty, if any, to the plaintiff.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on May of

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My Commission Expires

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion to Produce to William Roy Stokes, Esq., William L. Howell, Esq. and to Sydney R. Prince, III, Esq., by depositing copies of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their respective offices 1970. on this 25 day of

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MITTIE BELL ROWELL,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Plaintiff,)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
vs.)	AT LAW
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC.)	
et al.,)	
Defendants.)	CASE NO. 8617

NOTICE

TO: William Roy Stokes, Esq. William L. Howell, Esq. Sydney R. Prince, III, Esq.

Please take notice that on the 25th day of August, 1970 at the courthouse in Bay Minette, Alabama, the defendant, Ford Motor Company, will take the depositions of John Cole at 2:00 p.m., Donald Ray Vernon at 3:00 p.m., and Johnny Rowell at 4:00 p.m., upon oral examination pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, designated as Act No. 375, Regular Session 1955, Approved September 8, 1955, before an officer authorized to take depositions and swear witnesses in said County in said State. The oral examination will continue from day to day until completed, and you are invited to attend and cross-examine.

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MICHAEL D. KNIGHT

Attorneys for Ford Motor Company

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

Please issue a subpoena to John Cole, c/o Sales Ford, Inc., Flomaton, Alabama; Donald Ray Rowell, Brewton, Alabama; and Johnny Rowell, Ridge Road, Brewton, Alabama.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice to William Roy Stokes, Esq., William L. Howell, Esq. and to Sydney R. Prince, III, Esq., postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their respective offices on this ______ day of ______, 1970.

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NOTICE

TO: William Roy Stokes, Esq.
William L. Howell, Esq.
Sydney R. Prince, III, Esq.

Please take notice that on the 11th day of
December, 1970, in the offices of the Brewton Medical
Center, 1315 McMillan Drive, Brewton, Alabama, the defendant will take the deposition of Dr. Robert L. Hayes,
at 12:00 Noon, upon oral examination pursuant to an Act
of the Legislature of the State of Alabama, designated
as Act No. 375, Regular Session 1955, Approved September
8, 1955, before an officer authorized to take depositions
and swear witnesses in said County in said State. The
Oral examination will continue from day to day until
Completed and you are invited to attend and cross-examine.

DONALD F. PIERCE Trial Attorney

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Attorneys for Ford Motor Company

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

Please issue a subpoena duces tecum to Dr. Robert L. Hayes to bring with him all x-rays, records, memoranda, correspondence, etc. pertaining to his treatment of Mittie Bell Rowell.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a ture and Correct copy of the foregoing Notice to William Roy Stokes, Esq., William L. Howell, Esq. and Sydney R. Prince, III, Esq., by depositing copies of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their respective offices on this the addressed day of Market Market 1970.

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ALICE J. DIGN CLERK REGISTER

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,	Q	
PLAINTIFF,	Ŏ	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
VS.	Ŏ	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
v 5 -		AT LAW
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., ET AL.,	Ď Ž	CASE NO. 8617
DEFENDANTS.	Ŏ	

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the County of Escambia and State of Alabama, personally appeared the undersigned Wm. Roy Stokes, Attorney at Law, who is known to me, and known to me to be one of the attorneys for Mittie Bell Rowell, who, being first duly sworn on oath, doth depose and say as follows:

My name is Wm. Roy Stokes, and I am one of the attorneys of record for the plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, and as attorney of record for the said Mittie Bell Rowell have personal knowledge that the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of the 1968 Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial Number 8A30F199611 is not in her possession and the same is not in the possession of #ny of the attorneys of record.

WM ROY STOKES

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on this the 2874 day of December, 1970.

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ALGE J. DUCK CLERK REGISTER

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
	Plaintiff,)	BALDWINCOUNTY, ALABAMA
VS.)	AT LAW
	COMPANY, INC., and SALES FORD,)	
	pration, jointly and)	
	Defendants.)	CASE NO. 8617

ANSWER

Comes now the defendant, SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, in the above styled cause, and for answer to the plaintiff's complaint and to each count thereof, separately and severally, makes and files the following separate and several pleas:

- 1. Not guilty.
- 2. Defendant denies the material allegations thereof.

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Sydney R. Prince, III

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served upon counsel for all parties to this proceeding, by malling the same to each by First Class United States Mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid on this 2 day of 1970.

Attorney for

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ALGE J. DUN CLERK REGISTER

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,	}	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Plaintiff,)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
vs.	·)	AT LAW
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., ET AL.,)	
Defendants)	CASE NO. 8617

MOTION TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO PRODUCE

Comes now the Plaintiff in the above styled cause and respectfully moves the court to set aside its order denying the Defendants' motion to produce and for grounds for said motion the Plaintiff shows unto the court as follows:

That heretofore Defendant Ford Motor Company filed a motion to produce the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of the 1968 Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial No. 8A30F199611, which is the sujbect matter of this suit.

That Defendants' motion to produce was denied upon the filing by the Plaintiff's attorney of a sworn affidavit wherein the Plaintiff's attorney denied possession of the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of the 1968 Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial No. 8A30F199611.

Plaintiff further avers that neither she nor any of her attorneys of record is in possession of the right front tire and rim of the aforementioned automobile. Plaintiff avers that she is in possession of the entire automobile which is the subject of this suit, except the right front tire and rim, and that the same will be made available for the inspection of the Defendant.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays to this honorable court that it will set aside its order denying Defendants' motion to produce heretofore filed and grant Defendants' motion to produce the right front wheel assembly, except the tire and rim, which is not in the Plaintiff's possession.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

P. O. Box 293

Mobile, Alabama

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MITTIE BELL ROWELL,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Plaintiff,)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
vs.)	AT LAW
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC.,)	
et al.,)	
Defendants.)	CASE NO. 8617

TO: Barney Schultz
Lee County Courthouse
Fort Myers, Florida
(Or some other officer authorized to administer oaths)

COMMISSION

Know ye, that we, in confidence of your prudence and fidelity, have appointed you, and by these presents do give you or any one of you, full power and authority to take the deposition of Clarence Bruce, Fort Myers, Florida, as a witness, or at the request of the defendant, Ford Motor Company, a corporation, in the above styled cause, and therefore, we command you, or any one of you, that at such time and place, or times and places, as you may appoint, you do cause the said witness to come before you, or either of you, at 1:00 P.M. on June 18, 1971, and then and there examine him on oath, orally. And that you, or either or you, take such an examination, and reduce the same into writing and return the same annexed to this writ, closed up under your seals, or the seal of anyone of you, unto our said Circuit Court, with all the convenient speed, that the same may be read in evidence on the trial of the cause aforesaid.

Dated this // day of ______, 1971.

Deput Clerk, Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama

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AFFIDAVIT

Comes now Michael D. Knight, Esquire, one of the attorneys for the defendant, Ford Motor Company, a corporation, in the above styled cause, and, upon being first by me duly sworn, does depose and say that Clarence Bruce of Fort Myers, Florida, is a material witness in the above styled cause and is absent from the State of Alabama, and that, therefore, said defendant desires to take the deposition of the said Clarence Bruce in Fort Myers, Florida. Defendant requests the clerk to issue a commission to Barney Schultz, Lee County Courthouse, Fort Myers, Florida, or some other officer authorized to administer oaths, to take the said deposition.

MICHAEL D. KNIGHT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day

of <u>Crune</u>, 1971

Deputy Clerk, Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama

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EUNICE B. BLACKMON CIRCUIT

NOTICE

TO: Robert Clark, Esquire Attorney at Law 160 South Congress Mobile, Alabama

> Sydney R. Prince, III, Esquire Attorney at Law Merchants National Bank Building Mobile, Alabama

Please take notice that on June 18, 1971, at 1:00

P.M. the defendant, Ford Motor Company, a corporation,

will take the deposition of Clarence Bruce in the Lee

County Courthouse, Fort Myers, Florida, on oral examination pursuant to Title 7, Sections 457, et seq. and 474(1),

et seq., Code of Alabama 1940 (Recomp. 1958), as amended,

before Barney Schultz, or some other officer authorized

to take depositions and swear witnesses at the place of

the taking of the deposition. The oral examination will

continue from day to day until completed, and you are in
vited to attend and cross-examine.

Michael D. KNIGHT

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

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EUNICE B. BLACKMON CLERK

ANSWER

Comes now one of the defendants in the above styled cause, Ford Motor Company, a corporation, and for answer to the plaintiff's complaint, and each count thereof, as last amended, separately and severally, sets and assigns the following separate and several pleas, separately and severally:

- 1. Not guilty.
- 2. The material allegations are untrue.

DONALD F. PIERCE Trial Attorney

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Attorney for the Defendant

Ford Motor Company

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Answer" to Robert Clark, Esquire, Attorney for Plaintiff, and Sydney Prince, III, Esquire, Attorney for Sales Ford, Inc., by depositing a true and correct copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their respective offices in Mobile, Alabama, on this the __/_ day of June, 1971.

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EUNICE B. BLACKMON CIRCUIT

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MITTIE BELL ROWELL,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Plaintiff,)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
vs.)	AT LAW
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC.,)	
et al.,)	,
Defendants.	·")	CASE NO. 8617

MOTION TO COMPEL ANSWERS

Comes now one of the defendants, in the above styled cause, Ford Motor Company, a corporation, and, pursuant to Title 7, Section 474(17), Code of Alabama 1940 (Recomp. 1958) and respectfully shows unto Your Honor as follows:

- 1. That this suit claims personal injuries against this defendant and Sales Ford, Inc. allegedly as the proximate result of a defective steering apparatus on an automobile purchased by the plaintiff's husband.
- 2. That heretofore and on, to-wit, June 18, 1971, pursuant to commission issued by the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, and subpoena issued by the Circuit Court of Lee County, Florida, pursuant to the authority of said commission, the deposition of Clarence Bruce, a traffic accident analyst retained by the plaintiff, was commenced in Fort Myers, Florida.
- 3. At the request of the plaintiff, Mr. Bruce had examined certain parts of the steering assembly of the automobile in question.
- 4. During the course of said deposition, counsel for the plaintiff instructed Mr. Bruce, who is not a party to this lawsuit, not to answer certain questions propounded by the attorney for Ford Motor Company, and with respect to this examination made by Mr. Bruce at the request of the plaintiff, which said questions sought to elicit not

only the scope of said examination, but the opinions, if any, formed therefrom. The undersigned is advised that a transcript of these questions and objections has been certified into Court and filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, this defendant respectfully moves and applies to Your Honor for an order compelling the said Clarence Bruce to answer each of the questions heretofore propounded to him as aforesaid and which, on advice of counsel, he has refused to answer, together with such other questions as may pertain to his examination of any and all parts removed from the automobile in question and any opinions which he has formed as a result of that examination. This defendant further moves that Your Honor order the plaintiff to pay to this defendant the amount of the reasonably expenses of its attorneys in obtaining this order, including a reasonable attorney's fee, together with such other and further expenses as it may incur, should Your Honor grant this motion, in retaking the deposition of the said Clarence Bruce and obtaining the answers to the questions which he has heretofore refused to answer, separately and severally.

MICHAEL D. KNIGHT

Attorney for the Defendant

Ford Motor Company

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Motion To Compel Answers" to Sydney Prince, III, Esq., Attorney for Sales Ford, Inc., and to Robert Clark, Esq., Attorney for Plaintiff, by deposition a copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their respective offices in Mobile, Alabama, on this ______ day of June, 1971.

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EUNICE B. BLACKMON CIRCUIT

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,

Plaintiff,

BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

vs.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC.,
et al.,

Defendants.

)

CASE NO. 8617

NOTICE

Comes now the defendant in the above styled cause, Ford Motor Company, a corporation, and gives notice to the plaintiff of the filing of the original of the transcript of the deposition of Clarence Bruce with the Clerk of this Court.

MICHAEL D. KNIGHT Attorney for Defendant, Ford Motor Company

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Notice" to Robert Clark, Esquire, Attorney for the Plaintiff, and Sydney R. Prince, III, Esquire, Attorney for Sales For, Inc., by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to said attorneys at their respective offices in Mobile, Alabama, on this the 8th day of July, 1971.

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HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

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June 10, 1971

MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. DRAWER C OR P. O. BOX 123

Cable Address: Hab Telephone 432-5511 Area Code 205

Mrs. Eunice Blackmon, Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County Baldwin County Courthouse Bay Minette, Alabama

Re: Mittie Bell Rowell vs.

Ford Motor Company, et al.

Case No. 8617

Dear Mrs. Blackmon:

CHAS. C. HAND

C. B. ARENDALL, JR. T. MASSEY BEDSOLE

THOMAS G.GREAVES,JR. WM. BREVARD HAND VIVIAN G.JOHNSTON,JR.

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JERRY A, MCDOWELL
W, RAMSEY MCKINNEY, JR.
LARRY U, SIMS
A, CLAY RANKIN, III
EDWARD A, MYNDMAN, JR.

MICHAEL D.KNIGHT

I have enclosed herein the original of an answer in the above styled cause and request that the same be filed on behalf of Ford Motor Company.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

For the Firm

MDK.er Enclosure

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Plaintiff,) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
vs.) AT LAW
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., ET AL.,)
Defendants.) CASE NO 9617

MOTION TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO PRODUCE

Comes now the Plaintiff in the above styled cause and respectfully moves the court to set aside its order denying the Defendants' motion to produce and for grounds for said motion the Plaintiff shows unto the court as follows:

That heretofore Defendant Ford Motor Company filed a motion to produce the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of the 1968 Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial No. 8A30F199611, which is the sujbect matter of this suit.

That Defendants' motion to produce was denied upon the filing by the Plaintiff's attorney of a sworn affidavit wherein the Plaintiff's attorney denied possession of the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of the 1968 Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial No. 8A30F199611.

Plaintiff further avers that neither she nor any of her attorneys of record is in possession of the right front tire and rim of the aforementioned automobile. Plaintiff avers that she is in possession of the entire automobile which is the subject of this suit, except the right front tire and rim, and that the same will be made available for the inspection of the Defendant.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays to this honorable court that it will set aside its order denying Defendants' motion to produce heretofore filed and grant Defendants' motion to produce the right front wheel assembly, except the tire and rim, which is not in the Plaintiff's possession.

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Robert F. Clark
Attorney for Plaintiff

P. O. Box 293 Mobile, Alabama

EUNICE B. BLACKMON CLERK

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Plaintiff,) BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
VS.) AT LAW
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., ET AL.,))
Defendants.)

MOTION TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO PRODUCE

Comes now the Plaintiff in the above styled cause and respectfully moves the court to set aside its order denying the Defendants' motion to produce and for grounds for said motion the Plaintiff shows unto the court as follows:

That heretofore Defendant Ford Motor Company filed a motion to produce the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of the 1968 Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial No. 8A30F199611, which is the sujbect matter of this suit.

That Defendants' motion to produce was denied upon the filing by the Plaintiff's attorney of a sworn affidavit wherein the Plaintiff's attorney denied possession of the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of the 1968 Ford Fairlane automobile, Serial No. 8A30F199611.

Plaintiff further avers that neither she nor any of her attorneys of record is in possession of the right front tire and rim of the aforementioned automobile. Plaintiff avers that she is in possession of the entire automobile which is the subject of this suit, except the right front tire and rim, and that the same will be made available for the inspection of the Defendant.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays to this honorable court that it will set aside its order denying Defendants' motion to produce heretofore filed and grant Defendants' motion to produce the right front wheel assembly, except the tire and rim, which is not in the Plaintiff's possession.

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Robert F. Clark

Attorney for Plaintiff

P. O. Box 293 Mobile, Alabama

EUNICE B. BLACKMON CIRCUIT

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

160 CONGRESS STREET

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TELEPHONE 433-2611

E. GRAHAM GIBBONS BEN STOKES WILLIAM L. HOWELL

ROBERT F. CLARK JOHN T. BALLARD February 8, 1971

MAILING ADDRESS
P. O. BOX 293
MOBILE. ALABAMA 36601

Mrs. Alice J. Duck, Clerk Circuit Court Baldwin County Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

Re: Mittie Bell Rowell vs.
Ford Motor Company, Inc.,
et al - Case No. 8617

Dear Mrs. Duck:

Please present the enclosed motion to Judge Mashburn at your earliest convenience. After the Judge's ruling on said motion, please contact me by telephone, informing me of the Judge's ruling. And, I would also like to know when this matter is set for trial.

Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation in this matter, I remain

Sincerely,

Pohert F Clark

RFC:cam

Enc.

GIBBONS & STOKES

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

160 CONGRESS STREET

MOBILE, ALABAMA

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February 8, 1971

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E. GRAHAM GIBBONS BEN STOKES

WILLIAM L. HOWELL ROBERT F. CLARK JOHN T. BALLARD

> Honorable Telfair Mashburn, Judge Circuit Court Baldwin County Courthouse Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

> > Re: Mittie Bell Rowell vs.
> > Ford Motor Company, Inc.,
> > et al Case No. 8617

Clark

Dear Judge Mashburn:

There seems to have been some misunderstanding as to the defendant's, Ford Motor Company, motion to produce the right front tire and right front wheel assembly of the automobile in question. As you will recall, the defendant's motion to produce was denied when one of the Plaintiff's attorneys, Roy Stokes, filed an affidavit denying possession of the right front tire and wheel assembly. It is not clear as to what constitutes the wheel assembly, but the plaintiff does not have in her possession the right front tire or the right front rim. All the remaining parts of the automobile are presently stored here in Mobile.

I have contacted Mr. Michael Knight, who represents Ford Motor Company, and informed him of these facts and have agreed to produce for his inspection the entire automobile except the right front tire and right front rim.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Clark

RFC:cam

CC: William Roy Stokes, Esq. Sidney R. Prince, III, Esq. Michael D. Knight, Esq.

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

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MAILING ADDRESS: P. O. DRAWER C OR P. O. BOX 123

Cable Address: Hab Telephone 432-5511 Area Code 205

April 30, 1970

Mrs. Alice Duck, Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County Baldwin County Courthouse Bay Minette, Alabama

Re: Mittie Bell Rowell v.

Ford Motor Company, et al.

Case No. 8617

Dear Mrs. Duck:

CHAS, C. HAND

C. B. ARENDALL.JR. T. MASSEY BEOSOLE

THOMAS G. GREAVES, JR. WM. BREVARD HAND VIVIAN G. JOHNSTON, JR.

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A.CLAY RANKIN, III
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MICHAEL D. KNIGHT
G, HAMP UZZELLE, III
THOMAS GUY GREAVES, III

Enclosed herewith for filing is our Demurrer to plaintiff's amended complaint in the above-styled cause. To indicate your receipt of same, please sign the tissue copy of this letter and return it to me in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

For the Firm

MDK.bb

Enclosure

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ALCL J. DUCK CLERK REGISTER

WM. ROY STOKES

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
PHONE 857-4671
BREWTON, ALA, 36426

April 8, 1970

Mrs. Alice Duck Clerk of Circuit Court Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

I am enclosing herewith an amendment I would like filed in connection with the Circuit Court case number 8617.

With my kindest regards, I remain

Wm. Roy Stokes

WRS/dw

Enc.

STOKES AND HART

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
315 EVERGREEN AVENUE
BREWTON, ALABAMA 36426

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WM. ROY STOKES

JAMES E. HART, JR.

December 28, 1970

MAILING ADDRESS P. O. BOX 954 BREWTON, ALABAMA 36426

Honorable Alice J. Duck Circuit Clerk Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

I enclose herewith an affidavit in connection with Circuit Court Case Number 8617.

With my kindest regards, I remain

Yours truly

Wm Roy Stokes

WRS/dw

Enc.

Mittel B. Rowell us Sales Herd #8617

JURY LIST - JULY SESSION CIVIL TERM, 1971 - JULY 12, 1971

1. Andrews, Guy C., Natural Gas Co, 410 5th St., Bay Minette, Ala.

2. Arnette, Opal, Housewife, Rt. 2, Bay Minette 2. Arnette, Opar, Housewile, No. 2, 20, 20. Sriverhill Bigham, William, Retired Serviceman, P. O. Sriverhill Chandler, Ace, R.E.A., Silverhill, Robertsdale

5. Childress, J. Bruce, Fisherman, Rt. 3, Foley

6. Cooper, James I, Merchant, P. 0: Box., Silverhill 7. Davison, Johnnie Mae, Cafe Operator, Robertsdale, 8. Dickman, Peggy T., Housewife, Brady Rd., Bay Minette 9. Eddins, Rachael, Housewife, Hurricane Rd., Bay Minette Gandy, Bobby Carol, Housewife, Bay Minette Gandy, Tom, - Gulf Lumber Co., Stockton Hwy, Bay Minette, Hart, Jerry B., Faulkner State University 400 Mixon Ave., Bay Minette Hogan, C. J., Furniture Store, II/ W. 12th St., Bay Minette 14. Hollinger, Louise B., Board of Education, Bay Minette Jones, Willie, Hogan Furniture, 1101 Lower St., Bay Minette Jones, Sanford, Retired, Pensacola Hwy., Bay Minette, Ala. Kennedy, J. C., Insurance Agent, 603 E 6th Bay Minette Means, Henry, RTD., Cross Road, Bay Minette Moorer, Lee Ella, Housewife, 412 Old Hurricane Rd., Bay Minette 20. Normand, Sage A., Entertainer Brand Hotel, Fairhope, Ala. -Ponder, -- Eddis-Green Mer -- Steber - Chev., -- Point -- Great, -- Fairhope 22. Reid Larry M., Kaiser Allum. Hwy 31 S. Bay Minette Rider, Daniel T., Forester, Stapleton, Ala., Rider, Raymond D., Elec., 61 Mershon St., Fairhope 24 J Riggs, Stephen S., Radio Sta Opr , Fairhope 26 Rogers, Claude M., Insurance Salesman Cross Roads, Bay Minette Sheldon, Edwin, Brick Layer 553 Mobile St., Fairhope, Ala. Slaugher, June M., Nurse Bay Minette Info, Tensaw, Ala. 29 Watts, Evelyn K., Civil Defense, 101 Banyan St., Bay Minette Wiggins, James, Merchant, Stapleton, Ala.

Overstreet, Earl A., Newport Pine Grove Rd. Bay Minette 32. Page, Glenn A., Jr., Insurance 802 E. 5th St. Bay Minette 12/ 133. Taylor Bennie W., Office Stephens Acceptance Loan Co. 810 E 9th St. Bay Minette 34. Melton Mary D., Bay Slacks, Box 117 Stapleton, Ala 35. Dean, John, Clk. Bald. Co. Pax Collector Scapleton, Ale: 36. Ryan, Kathleen E., Housewife, Hwy 31 S. Bay Minette
37. Kennedy, Eloise D., Housewife, 603 E. 6th St. Bay Minette
38. Vick, Mary K., Cash, Greer Gro. 600 W. 7 th St. Bay Minette
39. Miller, Harold J., Jr., 6 White Ave. Fairhope 40 McMillan, Minnie Lou, Widow, Stocktop, Alabama

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MAILING ADDRESS:

June 28, 1971

Mrs. Eunice Blackmon, Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County Baldwin County Courthouse Bay Minette, Alabama

Re: Mittie Bell Rowell vs.

Ford Motor Company, et al.

Case No. 8617

Dear Mrs. Blackmon:

I have enclosed herein Motion To Compel Answers and request that you file the same on behalf of the defendant, Ford Motor Company.

Sincerely yours,

For the Firm

MDK.er

CHAS. C. HAND

C. B. ARENDALL. JR.

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E. GRAHAM GIBBONS B. F. STOKES, III WILLIAM L. HOWELL July 11, 1969

MAILING ADDRESS P. O. BOX 293 MOBILE, ALABAMA 36601

Mrs. Alice Duck, Clerk Circuit Court Baldwin County Courthouse Bay Minette, Alabama

Re: Mittie Bell Rowell vs Sales Ford, Inc. Case No. 8617

Dear Mrs. Duck:

We request that the demurrers be submitted without argument.

Sincerely,

William L. Howell

WLH/al

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ALICE J. DEGN CLERK REGISTER

WM. ROY STOKES

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
PHONE 867-4671
BREWTON, ALA, 36426

October 11, 1969

Mrs. Alice Duck Clerk of Circuit Court Bay Minette, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

I enclose herewith two amended complaints that I would like filed in connection with Circuit Court Case number 8617.

Yours truly,

Wm. Roy Stokes

WRS/dw

Enc.

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E. GRAHAM GIBBONS B. F. STOKES, III

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GIBBONS & STOKES

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
160 CONGRESS STREET
MOBILE, ALABAMA

TELEPHONE 433-2611

October 8, 1969

Mailing address p. o. box 293 Mobile, Alabama 36501

Mr. Sydney R. Prince, III Attorney at Law Merchants National Bank Bldg. Mobile, Alabama

Re: Mittie Bell Rowell vs. Sales Ford, Inc., Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, Case No. 8617

Dear Mr. Prince:

As per our recent telephone conversation, I have this date amended my complaint adding Ford Motor Co., Inc. as a party defendant and stating a breach of warranty count against Sales Ford, Inc. and Ford Motor Co., Inc., jointly and individually. Attached find a copy of that complaint.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Howell

WLH: mi Encl.

cc: Mrs. Alice J. Duck, Clerk Circuit Court Baldwin County, Alabama

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
Plaintiff,)	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
VS.)	AT LAW
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., a corporation, and SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, jointly and severally,)	
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Defendants.		CASE NO. 8617

INTERROGATORIES TO THE PLAINTIFF

Comes now one of the defendants in the above-styled cause, Ford Motor Company, a corporation, and, desiring the testimony of the plaintiff, propounds the following interrogatories to the plaintiff, pursuant to Title 7, Section 477, Code of Alabama 1940 (Recompiled 1958) which interrogatories are required to be answered separately and severally in the manner and form provided by law, viz:

- 1. State your correct name, age, residence and business address.
- 2. State the model, make, serial number, color and the current year license tag number of the 1968 Ford automobile which is the subject matter of this litigation.
- 3. State the name and location of the person, firm or corporation from whom you purchased this 1968 Ford automobile.
- 4. State the name and location of any mechanic, garage, or person, firm or corporation, who examined, inspected, worked on or is otherwise acquainted with any alleged defect in said 1968 Ford automobile or any part or part thereof.
- 5. State whether or not you have discussed with any engineer, mechanic, garage, or person, firm or corporation the nature of the defect, if any, in said 1968 Ford automobile. If your answer is in the affirmative then state (a) the name and address of the person with whom you had this conversation.

- (b) When this conversation occurred. (c) Where said conversation occurred. (d) What was the substance of this conversation.
- 6. Please state in detail in what manner said 1968
 Ford automobile was not fit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobile was used, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) The particular defect or defects, if any, in said 1968 Ford automobile which made it unfit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobile was used. (b) The particular manner in which the defect or defects, if any, listed in interrogatory #6 (a) above made said 1968 Ford automobile unfit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobile was used.

 (c) How you discovered the particular defect or defects, if any, in said 1968 Ford automobile which made it unfit for the ordinary purposes for which such automobile was used.
- 7. Please state in detail in what manner said 1968 Ford automobile was not fit and proper to be used in the usual and customary manner for which such automobile was used, including but not limited to, the following: (a) The particular defect or defects, if any, in said 1968 Ford automobile which made it unfit and improper to be used in the usual and customary manner for which such automobile was used. (b) The particular manner in which the defect or defects, if any, listed in interrogatory #7 (a) above made said 1968 Ford automobile unfit and improper to be used in the usual and customary manner for which such automobile was used. (c) How you discovered the particular defect or defects, if any, which made said 1968 Ford automobile unfit and improper to be used in the usual and customary manner for which such automobiles are intended to be used.

- 8. Please state, in detail, how said 1968 Ford automobile was imminently dangerous to life or limb when put to the intended use of said automobile in the usual and customary manner, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) The particular defect or defects, if any, in said 1968 Ford automobile which made it imminently dangerous to life or limb when put to its intended use in the usual and customary manner.

 (b) The particular manner in which the defect or defects, if any, listed in interrogatory #8 (a) above made said 1968 Ford automobile imminently dangerous to life or limb when put to its intended use in the usual and customary manner. (c) How you discovered the particular defect or defects, if any, in said 1968 Ford automobile which made it imminently dangerous to life or limb when put to its intended use in the usual and customary manner.
- 9. Please state, in detail, in what manner the steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile was defectively manufactured, including, but not limited to, the following:

 (a) The part or parts of the steering assembly, if any, which was or were defectively manufactured. (b) The manner in which the part or parts listed in interrogatory #9 (a) above if any, was or were defectively manufactured. (c) What effect, if any, the part or parts listed in interrogatory #9 (a) above, if any, had on the function and operation of said steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile on the occasion complained of in plaintiff's complaint. (d) The present location of the part or parts listed in interrogatory #9 (a) above, if any.

 (e) Who manufactured said part or parts listed in interrogatory #9 (a) above, if any.
- 10. Please state, in detail, the manner in which the steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile was defectively

constructed, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) The part or parts of said steering assembly, if any,
which was or were defectively constructed. (b) The manner
in which the part or parts listed in interrogatory #10 (a)
above, if any, was or were defectively constructed. (c) What
effect, if any, the part or parts listed in interrogatory #10

(a) above, if any, had on the function or operation of the
steering assembly of the said 1968 Ford automobile on the
occasion complained of in this complaint. (d) The present
location of the part or parts listed in interrogatory #10 (a)
above, if any. (e) Who constructed said part or parts listedd
in interrogatory #10 (a) above.

- 11. Please state, in detail, the manner in which the steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile was defectively built, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) The part or parts of said steering assembly, if any, which was or were defectively built. (b) The manner in which the part or parts listed in interrogatory #11 (a) above, if any, was or were defectively built. (c) What effects, if any, the part or parts listed in interrogatory #11 (a) above, if any, had on the function and operation of said steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile on the occasion complained of in plaintiff's complaint. (d) The present location of the part or parts listed in interrogatory #11 (a) above, if any. (e) Who built said part or parts listed in interrogatory #11 (a) above, #11 (a) above.
- 12. Please state, in detail, the manner in which the steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile was defectively assembled, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) The part or parts of said steering assembly, if any which was or were defectively assembled. (b) The manner in which the part or parts listed in interrogatory #12 (a) above if any, was or were defectively assembled. (c) The effects, if any, the part or parts listed in interrogatory #13 (a) above had on the function and operation of said steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile on the occasion complained of in the plaintiff's complaint. (d) The present location of the part or parts listed in interrogatory #12 (a) above, if any. (e) Who assembled said part or parts listed in interrogatory #12 (a) above.
- 13. Please state, in detail, the manner in which the steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile was defectively designed, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) The part or parts of said steering assembly, if any, which was or were defectively designed. (b) The manner in which the part or parts listed in interrogatory #13 (a) above, if any, was or were defectively designed. (c) What effects, if any, the part or parts listed in interrogatory #13 (a) above, if any, had on the function and operation of said steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile on the occasion complained of in plaintiff's complaint. (d) The present location of said part or parts listed in interrogatory #13 (a) above, if any. (e) Who designed said part or parts listed in interrogatory #13 (a) above.
- 14. Please state, in detail, the manner in which the steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile failed or became inoperable on April 20, 1968, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) The part or parts of said steering

assembly, if any, which failed or became inoperable. (b)
The manner in which the part or parts listed in interrogatory
#14 (a) above, if any, failed or became inoperable. (c) What
effects, if any, the part or parts listed in interrogatory
#14 (a) above, had on the function and operation of said
steering assembly of said 1968 Ford automobile on the occasion
complained of in the plaintiff's complaint. (d) The present
location of the part or parts listed in interrogatory #14 (a)
above, if any.

15. Please state, in detail, in what manner the defendant, Ford Motor Company, had actual knowledge and notice of any breach of its warranty to the plaintiff prior to the filing of plaintiff's complaint.

ONALD F. PIERCE

MICHAEL D. KNIGHT Attorneys for the defendant,

Ford Motor Company

OF COUNSEL:

HAND, ARENDALL, BEDSOLE, GREAVES & JOHNSTON

STATE OF ALABAMA: COUNTY OF MOBILE

Personally appeared me the undersigned authority, Michael D. Knight, who, after being first duly sworn, says that he is one of the attorneys for the defendant, Ford Motor Company, in the above-styled cause, that if the foregoing interrogatories are truthfully answered, the answers will be used as material evidence in the trial of this cause.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

28 day of July, 1970.

NOTARY PUBLIC, MOBILE/COUNTY, ALABAMA

Plaintiff may be served by serving copy of these interrogatories upon her attorney, William Roy Stokes, Esq., Brewton, Alabama

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Mrs. Alice Duck, Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County Bay Minette, Alabama

Re: Mittie Bell Rowell, Plaintiff, vs.
Ford Motor Company, Inc., a corporation,
and Sales Ford, Inc., a corporation,
Defendants - Case No. 8617 - Circuit

Court of Baldwin County, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Duck:

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Please file Defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc.'s demurrer in the above-styled cause.

Would you please indicate receipt of this demurrer on the duplicate copy of this letter enclosed herewith and return same to us in the self-addressed envelope also enclosed herewith.

With best personal regards,

Very truly yours,

For the Firm

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July 28, 1970

Mrs. Alice Duck, Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County Baldwin County Courthouse Bay Minette, Alabama

Mittie B. Rowell v.

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Case No. 8617

Dear Mrs. Duck:

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> We enclose herein interrogatories propounded by the defendant, Ford Motor Company, in this case to the plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell. Would you please file these interrogatories on behalf of the defendant, Ford Motor Company, and serve a copy of same upon the plaintiff by serving her attorney, William Roy Stokes in Brewton. Alabama.

Please acknowledge receipt of these interrogatories by signing the enclosed tissue copy of this letter.

In addition, may we respectfully request that you issue a subpoena duces tecum to the D. W. McMillan Memorial Hospital 79 in Brewton, Alabama, for the hospital records pertaining to the treatment of Mittie Bell Rowell during the period April 20, 1968, through and including the present time.

We also enclose for filing Motion for Production of certain parts of the automobile made the basis of this lawsuit together with a motion for the production of the names of plaintiff's expert witnesses. Would you please file these on behalf of the defendant, Ford Motor Company. Your acknowledgement of the interrogatories on the tissue copy of this letter will also serve to acknowledge receipt of these two latter motions.

Mrs. Alice Duck, Clerk July 28, 1970 Page 2

We also enclose a Notice for taking the deposition of Dr. Robert L. Hays in Brewton, Alabama. Please file the same on behalf of Ford Motor Company.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

For the Firm

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P.S. Mrs. Duck, as an afterthought, and anticipating that this case will probably be set for trial on your next jury term which should come up shortly, may I inquire as to whether or not the judge will rule on the latter two motions filed in this cause shortly. I do not know, frankly, whether the attorneys for the plaintiff have any objection to the motion. I will ask that they each, separately, contact you in this regard. If there is no objection, would you please ask the judge to rule on the motions at his earliest convenience so that we might obtain the matters indicated therein. If there is objection, may we respectfully request that the court specially set these matters down for hearing on the pleadings so that we can get them settled sufficiently in advance of trial to prepare our case properly.

In addition, I do not recall whether or not the court has ruled on our demurrers last filed on behalf of the defendant, Ford Motor Company, to the plaintiff's complaint as last amended. If so, may we have your advice as to the results of that ruling. If the court has overruled our demurrer on behalf of Ford, we need to file an answer.

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Re: Mittie B. Rowell v.

Ford Motor Company, et al.

Case No. 8617

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I enclose herein notice of the taking of the depositions of John Cole, Donald Ray Vernon and Johnny Rowell in this case on Tuesday, August 25, 1970 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the courthouse. I have, in the past, been advised that there is a room available in your courthouse where depositions may be taken. If it necessary to reserve this room for the taking of depositions, would you please do so on behalf of the defendant, Ford Motor Company, for the 25th beginning at 2:00 and continuing until at least 5:00, I would think.

We also need to issue subpoenas in accordance with the notice to deponents.

Thank you for your assitance.

Sincerely yours

For the Firm

MDK/er

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Re: Mittie B. Rowell v.

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Case No. 8617

Dear Mrs. Duck:

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I enclose herein notice of the taking of the depositions of John Cole, Donald Ray Vernon and Johnny Rowell which I failed to enclose in my letter of August 7, 1970.

Sincerely yours,

For the Firm

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Enclosure

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,	Ĭ	
PLAINTIFF,	Ŏ	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
vs.	Ž	BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, INC., A CORPORATION, and SALES FORD, INC., A CORPORATION, jointly and severally,	Q Q Q	AT LAW CASE NO. 8617
DEFENDANTS.	Ø	

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for the State of Alabama, personally appeared Mittie Bell Rowell, the plaintiff in the above styled cause and the said undersigned hereby certifies that the following are the answers to the said interrogatories, and that Mittie Bell Rowell, who is known to me, signed the answers to the said interrogatories, and acknowledged the same before me on this day, and is fully aware of the said interrogatories and that she answered the said interrogatories as follows:

- l. Mittie Bell Rowell, Fifty-eight (58) years old, 323 St. Nicholas Avenue, Brewton, Alabama, 36426, unemployed.
- 2. 1968 model Two (2) Door Fairlane Hard Top, Serial Number 8A3OF199611, green, no tag was ever issued.
- 3. My husband, Miles G. Rowell, purchased the car from a salesman by the name of John Cole who was working for Sales Ford, Inc., a Corporation or J-W Sales Ford, Inc., a Corporation. The sale was made in Monroeville, Alabama.
- 4. Ollie Cross, a mechanic, looked at the car. His address is unknown to me but he lives in Andalusia, Alabama.

 Another mechanic by the name of Nix whose first name is unknown to me and whose address is unknown to me looked at the vehicle.
- 5. I do not remember discussing the nature of any defect with the above named individuals in paragraph four (4).
- 6. (a) The vehicle started going to the right and my husband tried to steer it back to the left and he could not steer it because of some defect in the steering mechanism.
 - (b) The steering mechanism was defective.

- (c) The defect was discovered when my husband tried to steer the car back to the left and because of the defective steering mechanism, he could not turn it back and the car wrecked.
- 7. (a) The vehicle started going to the right and my husband tried to steer it back to the left and he could not steer it because of some defect in the steering mechanism.
 - (b) The steering mechanism was defective.
- (c) The defect was discovered when my husband tried to steer the car back to the left and because of the defective steering mechanism, he could not turn it back and the car wrecked.
- 8. (a) My husband and I were going to a fishing camp and while on the highway the vehicle started going to the right and my husband tried to steer it back to the left and he could not steer it because of some defect in the steering mechanism.
 - (b) The steering mechanism was defective.
- (c) The defect was discovered when my husband tried to steer the car back to the left and because of the defective steering mechanism, he could not turn it back and the car wrecked.
 - 9. (a) I do not know.
 - (b) I do not know.
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15. I do not know.

The said Mittie Bell Rowell hereby certifies that the above answers are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Mitte Bell Rowell
MITTLE BELL ROWELL

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the $\underline{\mathcal{L}}$ day of November, 1970.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

I, Wm. Roy Stokes, hereby certify that I have this the day of November, 1970 served a copy of the foregoing instrument on Honorable Michael D. Knight, of counsel, by mailing a copy of same to him by United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to him at P. O. Box 123, Mobile, Alabama, 36601.

MM. ROY STOKES

NOV 7, 1970

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Mrs. Alice Duck, Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County Baldwin County Courthouse Bay Minette, Alabama

Re: Mittie B. Rowell v.

Ford Motor Company et al.

Case No. 8617

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I enclose herein the original and one copy of a notice of the taking of the deposition of Dr. Robert Hayes in Brewton, Alabama, on December 11, 1970. Would you please file the original in this case on behalf of Ford Motor Company and issue a subpoena duces tecum to Dr. Hayes as directed by the notice.

Sincerely yours,

For the Firm

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November 6, 1970

Honorable Alice J. Duck Circuit Clerk Bay Minette, Alabama

Re: Rowell v Ford Motor Co., et al Case Number 8617

Dear Mrs. Duck:

I am enclosing herewith answers of the plaintiff to interrogatories propounded by Ford Motor Company, a Corporation and am this day sending a copy of the answers to Honorable Michael D. Knight, of counsel, P. O. Box 123, Mobile, Alabama.

With my kindest regards, I remain

Wm. Roy Stokes

WRS:kh Enclosures

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December 28, 1970

Mrs. Alice Duck, Clerk Circuit Court of Baldwin County Bay Minette, Alabama

> Re: Mittie Bell Rowell vs. Ford Motor

> > Company, Inc. and Sales Ford, Inc.

Case No. 8617

Dear Mrs. Duck:

I am enclosing herewith the original and a copy of the crossclaim of defendant Sales Ford, Inc. against defendant Ford Motor Company, Inc. in Case No. 8617. Service on the other parties to this lawsuit has been certified.

I note that this case has been set for trial on January 12, 1971. I feel certain that Ford Motor Company's attorneys are going to want to file further pleadings in response to our cross-claim and that this is probably going to delay the trial of this case.

Also enclosed herein are copies of Sales Ford's answer to the plaintiff's complaint as last amended which have also been served on opposing counsel.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Cordially yours,

Sydney R. Prince, III

For the Firm

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cc: Hon. Telfair J. Mashburn

GIBBONS & STOKES ATTORNEYS AT LAW 160 CONGRESS STREET MOSILE, ALABAMA TELEPHONE A33-2611 MAILING ADDRESS EL CRAHAM CIDDONS P. O. BOX 220 June 11, 1969 E. E. STOKES, III MOBILE, ALABAMA SCOOL WILLIAM L. HOWELL Mr. Sydney R. Prince, III Attorney at Law P. O. Box 1109 36601 Mobile, Alabama, Re: Mittie Bell Rowell vs Sales Ford, Inc. Case No. 8617 Dear Mr. Prince: This letter will acknowledge receipt of the copy of your demurrers. Please advise of a convenient time to either submit the demurrers or go over and argue thesame. I believe we can arrange a setting time for oral argument on the demurrers with the Judge. Please advise. Sincerely, E. Graham Gibbons EGG/al

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,		Q	
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SALES FORD, INC., A CORPORATION,	a.	ÿ	AT LAW
DEFENDANT.	;	: Î	CASE NO. 86/7

COUNT ONE

The Plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, claims of the Defendant, Sales Ford, Inc., a Corporation, \$50,000.00 damages for that on and prior to, to-wit, April 20, 1968 the Defendant operated what are commonly known as Ford Automobile Dealerships in South Flomaton, Florida and Monroeville, Alabama in which among other things the Defendant sold new Ford automobiles to its customers, and Plaintiff avers that on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 the Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, purchased a new 1968 Ford automobile for a valuable consideration from Defendant's Ford Dealership in South Flomaton, Florida, and in accordance with Defendant's instructions possession of the said sold automobile was taken by Miles G. Rowell from the Defendant's Ford Dealership in Monroeville, Alabama on, to-wit, April 20, 1968.

And Plaintiff avers that at said time and on said occasion the Defendant warranted in law that said automobile was fit and proper to be used by the Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, or any member of his family in driving. Plaintiff further avers that said sold automobile was not in fact fit and proper to be used by her husband, Miles G. Rowell, or anyone else in driving and as a direct and proximate result and consequence of the breach of said warranty the Plaintiff Mittie Bell Rowell, a passenger in said automobile being operated by her husband on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 was injured when said automobile, while being driven along Alabama Highway 59 a public roadway in Baldwin County, Alabama, became inoperable due to its unfitness for driving and was thereby caused to wreck at or near Tensaw, Alabama in Baldwin County, Alabama; and as a direct and proximate result and consequence thereof Plaintiff was injured and damaged and her injuries consisted of this: She was permanently impaired in that she was made sick, sore and lame, she was bruised about her body, and

she was caused to incur hospital and doctor bills incident to treatment of her injuries and expenses in and about the curing and healing of her said injuries, and the payment of physicians to treat her. And Plaintiff avers that all her said injuries and damages were caused as a direct and proximate consequence of the breach of the Defendant's warranty to her husband, Miles G. Rowell, and to the members of his family that said purchased automobile was fit and proper to be used in driving.

COUNT TWO

The Plaintiff, Mittie Bell Rowell, claims of the Defendant, Sales Ford, Inc., a Corporation, \$50,000.00 damages for a breach of warranty in the sale of a new 1968 Ford Automobile, by Defendant to the Plaintiff's husband, Miles G. Rowell, on to-wit, the 20th day of April, 1968, which the defendant warranted to be fit and proper to be used in driving, when in fact the said automobile became inoperable on, to-wit, April 20, 1968 while being driven along Alabama Highway 59 a public roadway in Baldwin County, Alabama and was thereby caused to wreck at or near Tensaw, Alabama in Baldwin County, Alabama; and as a direct and proximate result and consequence thereof Plaintiff was injured and damaged and her injuries consisted of this: She was permanently impaired in that she was made sick, sore and lame, she was bruised about her body, and she was caused to incur hospital and doctor bills incident to treatment of her injuries and expenses in and about the curing and healing of her said injuries, and the payment of physicians to treat her. And Plaintiff avers that all her said injuries and damages were caused as a direct and proximate consequence of the breach of the Defendant's warranty to Plaintiff's husband that said automobile was fit and proper to be used in driving. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

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Serve the Defendant Sales Ford, Inc., at its place of business in Monroeville, Alabama.

MITTIE BELL ROWELL,)	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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Defendants.),	CASE NO. 8617

DEMURRER

Comes now the defendant, SALES FORD, INC., a corporation, in the above styled cause and refiles its demurrers heretofore filed in this cause to the plaintiff's complaint as last amended. Said defendant demurs to the amended complaint on the separate and several grounds set forth in the defendant's demurrer to the complaint heretoforefiled herein.

INGE, TWITTY, DUFFY & PRINCE

Sydney R. Přince, III

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served upon counsel for all parties to this proceeding, by mailing the same to each by First Class United States Mail, properly addressed and postage prepaid on this All day of

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