MATTIE FRAZIER,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA AT LAW

Defendants.

NO. 4734

DEMURRER TO COMPLAINT

Comes now Defendants, JOSEPH BEAR, doing business as Bear Ice Cream Co., and JAMES ISOM GAVIN, separately and severally, and demur to the Plaintiff's complaint and to each count thereof, separately and severally, and for grounds of demurrer thereto sets down and assigns the following, separately and severally, to-wit:

1. Said count fails to state a cause of action.

2. Sufficient facts are not alleged in said count to show the existence of any legal duty owing by said Defendant to the Plaintiff at the time and place complained of therein.

3. Sufficient facts are not alleged in said count to show the breach of any legal duty by said Defendant at the time and place complained of therein owing by said Defendant to the Plaintiff at said time and place.

4. Sufficient facts are not alleged therein to show that Plaintiff's injuries and damages complained of were directly and proximately caused by the breach of any legal duty by said Defendant at the time and place complained of the rein owing by said Defendant to the Plaintiff at said time and place.

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5. The allegations in said count are vague, uncertain and indefinite.

6. The allegations in said count are so vague, uncertain and indefinite that said Defendant is not sufficiently apprised of what he is called upon to defend.

7. The allegation therein that all of Plaintiff's injuries and damages complained of "were caused as a proximate result of the combined and concurring negligence of the defendants, in and about the operation of their respective motor vehicles at said time and place" is a mere conclusion of the pleader unsupported by sufficient averments of fact.

8. Said count does not charge said Defendant with negligence except by conclusion of the pleader unsupported by sufficient allegations of fact.

9. Said count does not charge said Defendant with the breach of any legal duty owing by said Defendant to the Plaintiff at the time and place complained of in the complaint except by conclusion of the pleader unsupported by sufficient averments of fact.

10. The allegation therein contained that "the defendants wantonly injured and damaged plaintiff on said date and occasion by wantonly causing their respective motor vehicles to collide with plaintiff's automobile, which plaintiff was operating, as aforesaid, at said time and place" is a mere conclusion of the pleader unsupported by sufficient averments of fact.

11. Said count does not charge said Defendant with wantonly injuring or damaging the Plaintiff except by conclusion of the pleader unsupported by sufficient averments of fact.

INGE, TWITTY & DUFFY

By: Twitty, Thomas E.

Thomas E. Twitty, Jr. Attorneys for Defendants, Joseph Bear, doing business as Bear Ice Cream Company, and James Isom Gavin, separately and severally.

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Address of Counsel: 1309 Merchants National Bank Building Mobile, Alabama

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NO. 4744

PLEA IN ABATEMENT

Defendants.

Comes now Bear's, Inc., a corporation, appearing herein by and through Inge, Twitty & Duffy, its attorneys, solely and specially for the purpose of filing this Plea in Abatement and for the hearing of the same, and for no other purpose or purposes, and without submitting to the jurisdiction of the Court, and pleading in abatement says as follows:

That it is now, and has been at all times continuously since and including June 1, 1960, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama with its principal place of business in Mobile, Alabama; that its true and correct corporate name is now and at all times during its corporate existence has been "Bear's, Inc.," and that its corporate name has never been "Bear Ice Cream Co.;" that the Defendant, James Isom Gavin, was at the time complained of in the Plaintiff's complaint on file in this cause employed by the undersigned Bear's, Inc., a corporation, and was not at said time and has never been an official, agent or employee of or in any manner connected with Bear Ice Cream Co., a corporation, if in fact such a corporation exists or has existed; that if there was at the time complained of in the complaint, or at any time subsequent thereto, a corporation whose true and correct corporate name was or is "Bear Ice Cream Co.," such corporation was and is and has always been during its corporate existence a separate and distinct legal entity from the undersigned, Bear's, Inc., a corporation, and said corporation, if any exists or has existed, does not now and has never heretofore had any stockholders, directors or officers in common with the undersigned, Bear's, Inc., a corporation.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, Bear's, Inc., a corporation, says that this suit should be abated, and should not be allowed to proceed against the undersigned or Bear Ice Cream Co., a corporation.

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BEAR'S, INC., a corporation

BY INGE, TWITTY & DUFFY

State of Alabama County of Mobile

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Before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County in said State, personally appeared <u>fille</u> is <u>fille</u> is <u>fille</u> of Bear's, Inc., a corporation, and authorized to make this affidavit; that is cognizant of the facts set forth in the above and foregoing plea in abatement, and that said facts are true and correct.

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Attorneys for Bear's, Inc., a corporatio

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of July, 1961.

Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama.

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Plaintiff's Address: Mattie Frazier Route 1, Box 19-1/2 Sterrett, Alabama

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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

August 25, 1961

Honorable Hubert M. Hall, Judge Circuit Court of Baldwin County Bay Minette, Alabama

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Dear Judge Hall	•			

We represent the plaintiffs in each of the foregoing causes which are set before you for settlement of pleadings on August 31, 1961. Ton Witty, Jr., who is an attorney of record for all defendants except Linwood C. Armstrong, telephoned me today in connection with this setting. He has filed pleas in abatement on behalf of all corporate defendants on the theory, I believe, that these defendants are not properly named. In conjunction with the commencement of Elder E. Frazier's suit we propounded interrogatories to the defendants. Mr. Twitty indicated that he would give consideration to his answers in the near future, although the time for filing his answers has not yet expired. We will need his answers before we are able to file the amendments that his pleas in abatement will require.

Mr. Twitty suggested, and we concurred, that his demurrers be taken under submission by you without counsel for either side actually appearing. We hope that thereby we do not work any undue imposition upon the court.

It was my last information that Linwood C. Armstrong, who is one of the defendants in this cause, had not been served with process. This fact may create some difficulty in connection with the September 15 setting of this cause and may require us to call upon the court for a continuance of the trial setting. Honorable Hubert M. Hall, Judge August 25, 1961 Page Two

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Blackburn, whom we plan to associate on the occasion of trial, with the request that he give this matter any additional attention that it may require in connection with the August 31 date for settling of pleadings.

Very respectfully yours.

JHM:dd

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

Mr. J. B. Blackburn

Mr. Thomas Twitty, Jr.

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WITNESS my hand this $\underline{19}$ day of June, 1961.

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January 15, 1962

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Mattie Frazier v. Bear Ice Cream Company, et al - Case No. 4734 -Re: tlder Frazler v. Bear Ide Cream Company, et al - Case No. 4733

Dear Judge Hall We represent the plaintiff in each of the fore-going causes. We have agreed upon a settlement with Mr. Tom Twitty, Jr. attorney for the corporate defendant, Bdar's, Inc.

We ask that an order be entered in each of the cases as follows:

"Plaitiff strikes the defendant Linwood Coleman Armstrong. Case dismissed with prejudice and all costs taxed against the plaintiff."

We are sending a copy of this letter to your clerk with a request that the cost bill be sent direct to Mr. Tom Twitty, Jr., P. O. Box 1109, Mobile, Alabama, who will see that the costs are duly paid.

We appreciate your kind patience in connection with these cases.

Very respectfully yours,

John W morrow

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