30 January 2012

Kenneth C. Maddox, Consumer Affairs Specialist Consumer Protection Branch – Civil Division U. S. Department of Justice Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Maddox,

We send this letter to the Consumer Protection Branch of the Civil Division of the U. S. Department of Justice for the following reasons:

As you had suggested to us in your letter dated 12/9/11, we pursued civil action against KIA of Puyallup (KoP), located at 111 Valley Avenue NE, Puyallup, WA 98372. On 1/23/12 we went to trial against KoP at the Pierce County District Court, located at 930 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402. The court case number was 1Z999310C. The presiding judge was Pat O'Malley.

During our hearing, we presented our documentation that KoP had provided us via their letter dated 4/7/11 and signed by their Chief Financial Officer, Greg Backstrom, that there was **no Monroney Sticker on the car that we bought from KoP.** Hence, KoP was in violation of the Automobile Information Disclosure Act (AIDA) – in particular section 1232 "Label and Entry Requirements" of Chapter 28, Disclosure of Automobile Information, of Title 15, "Commerce and Trade" of the United States Code (USC). For its letter admitted that, "the vehicle you purchased was never displayed on our lot for sale at ANY price." This letter was our EXHIBIT I presented in court to Judge Pat O'Malley and it also was our EXHIBIT 3 attached to the letter dated 11/22/11 that we had sent to the Consumer Protection Branch of the Civil Division of the U. S. Department of Justice. For your convenience, we enclose another copy of KoP's letter of 4/7/11 with this letter.

When confronted with his own letter dated 4/7/11, admitting to a violation of AIDA, Greg Backstrom, who represented KoP, ORALLY contradicted what he had stated in WRITING in the above letter by lying that there was a Monroney Sticker on the car that we purchased from KoP.

In addition, Greg Backstrom CONTRADICTED himself even further by claiming that it did not matter that the car that we purchased from KoP had no Monroney sticker on it because KoP showed us a car similar to the one we bought which did have a Monroney sticker on it. However, during the hearing, we pointed out that AIDA section 1233 "Violations and Penalties," of Chapter 28 of Title 15 of the USC clearly states that EACH brand new automobile must have its VERY OWN Monroney Sticker on it.

Nonetheless, Judge Pat O'Malley said that he BELIEVES KoP that there was a Monroney Sticker on the subject vehicle, thereby concluding the hearing by COMPLETELY IGNORING the INDESPUTABLE EVIDENCE, to which KoP had admitted in its own letter dated 4/7/11, that, "the vehicle you purchased was never displayed on our lot for sale at ANY price." We were shocked over Pat O'Malley's nonsensical verdict. For your convenience, we enclose a copy of Pat O'Malley's nonsensical verdict for this case with this letter.

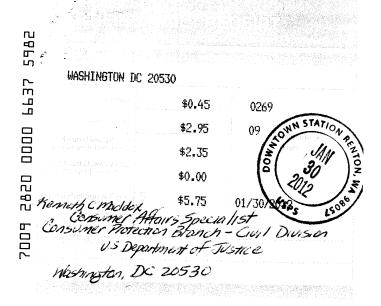
We are writing you now because we wish to know what happened regarding the investigation that the Consumer Protection Branch of the Civil Division of the U. S. Department of Justice told us that they were going to conduct via your letter to us dated 12/9/11. Also, we are writing you now because we hope that you will base your conclusions of your investigation into this matter upon the INDESPUTABLE EVIDENCE that KoP is in violation of AIDA so that justice may be served.

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**ENCLOSURES:** 

- 1) Copy of KIA of Puyallup's letter of 4/7/11 admitting that KoP violated AIDA.
- 2) Copy of nonsensical verdict rendered by Judge Pat O'Malley.



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