## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

KIMBERLY POOLE, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 1:18-cv-2194

v.

PROGRESSIVE CASUALTY INSURANCE CO.,

Defendant.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

## **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Kimberly Poole, on behalf of herself and a class of Kentucky residents, brings this claim for damages and injunctive relief against Defendant Progressive Casualty Insurance Co. ("Defendant" or "Progressive"), and in support thereof alleges as follows:

## NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Progressive Insurance Co. ("Progressive") is the creator of the Snapshot Program, a usage-based automobile insurance program that purportedly allows consumers to lower their automobile insurance rates by sharing their driving patterns and histories with Progressive.

2. Customers who choose to participate in the Snapshot Program are given a small device (the "Snapshot Device" or "Device") that plugs directly into their car and is powered by the car's battery. The Device collects the driver's data, including how often the driver is on the road and for how long, the driver's speed, and sometimes the driver's location, and sends that

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information directly to Progressive. Progressive uses the data to calculate an insurance rate that, it claims, is tailored to the driver's own driving habits and risks.

3. However, Progressive fails to warn its customers that, the Snapshot Device is defective. In fact, the Snapshot Device destroys automobile batteries and damages automobile electrical systems, rendering the vehicles and their component parts either totally unusable or diminished in value.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (diversity jurisdiction) because Plaintiff and the proposed Class members are citizens of a different state from Defendant Progressive. The matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000 because the damages incurred by Plaintiff and members of the Class exceed \$75,000.

5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) because Defendant resides in this District.

#### PARTIES

6. Plaintiff, Kimberly Poole, is a citizen of Kentucky who resides at

7. Defendant Progressive is incorporated Ohio and maintains its principal place of business and headquarters in Mayfield Village, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

#### **FACTS**

#### A. BACKGROUND

8. In February 2011, Progressive announced the release of the Snapshot Program, a usage-based insurance program. According to Progressive's website, "Snapshot is a program that personalizes your rate based on your ACTUAL driving. It's technically called usage-based

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insurance. That means you pay based on how and how much you drive instead of just traditional factors. It's simple. Drive safe and save. Drive extra safe and save more. There are still other factors, and your rate may increase with high-risk driving. But you're in control of what you pay for car insurance, and most drivers earn a discount."

9. Consumers who sign up for the Snapshot Program can choose to use either a mobile app or a plug-in device. Those who choose the plug-in device receive the Snapshot Device, a small device that can fit in the palm of one's hand.

10. The Snapshot Device connects directly to the consumer's vehicle by plugging into the car's OBD-II port, which is usually located under the steering wheel. The Device is powered through the vehicle's battery. It can connect to any vehicle that is a model year 1996 or newer.

11. The Snapshot Device records and sends driving data, including vehicle speed, time information, sudden changes in speed (e.g., hard brakes and rapid accelerations), and the amount the customer drives, directly to Progressive. Progressive uses that information to calculate a participating customer's insurance rate, including potential discounts. If the consumer unplugs the Device from the vehicle, the Device notifies Progressive that it has been unplugged.

12. Drivers can log onto their account on the Progressive website to see trip logs, driving tips, and progress.

13. After Progressive collects driving data for a short period of time, customers may be eligible for insurance at a discounted price.

14. Through Progressive's marketing and advertising, Progressive implies that Snapshot is safe for use in its customers' vehicles. Progressive conveyed and continues to convey this deceptive message through a fully-integrated advertising campaign across a variety of media, including television, newspapers, magazines, direct mail, and the Internet.

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15. Instead, the Snapshot Device destroys a vehicle's electrical system and battery, making the vehicle worth less than it would be without a Snapshot Device.

16. When properly installed in a vehicle, the Snapshot Device is continually powered by the vehicle battery. It uses electrical current from a vehicle's battery even when the vehicle is not turned on.

17. Progressive negligently designed and manufactured the Snapshot Device in a manner that it drains the vehicle's battery and causes a vehicle's battery and electrical system to become damaged or nonfunctional, potentially stranding members of the Class and their passengers in unsafe situations, day or night.

18. Progressive fails to properly exert quality control measures to ensure that the Snapshot Device is safe for use in vehicles and to ensure that the Snapshot Device does not cause severe damage to a vehicle and/or its battery.

19. Television commercials for Snapshot air regularly across the country, and have since the Snapshot Program was launched in 2011. The first televised advertisements began in 2011. Progressive's television commercials and other media advertisements imply that Snapshot is safe for use in vehicles and/or fail to disclose that Snapshot can cause harm to a vehicle and/or its battery.<sup>1</sup>

20. Contrary to Progressive's statements about Snapshot being a huge savings to consumers, Snapshot actually increases the costs to consumers by ruining a vehicle's electrical system and draining its battery until it is non-functional.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>*E.g.*, <u>https://www.ispot.tv/ad/7kas/progressive-snapshot-testimonials</u> (2012 commercial); <u>https://www.ispot.tv/ad/7m79/progressive-snapshot-daily-routine</u> (2015 commercial) (last viewed August 9, 2018).

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21. Prior to the distribution of the Snapshot Devices, these harmful and defective products were in Progressive's exclusive possession. According to Progressive, it has extensively researched and tested usage-based insurance devices, including the Snapshot Device. Progressive, therefore, was obligated to disclose to Plaintiff the defective nature of the Snapshot Device.

22. Progressive misrepresented the purported benefits of Snapshot and failed to warn Plaintiff and members of the Class of the defective and harmful nature of the Snapshot Device, namely that it causes severe vehicle battery draining and damage and severe damage to vehicles' electrical systems.

23. By February 2014, Progressive had received over 1,500 customer complaints relating to the effect of the Snapshot Device upon a vehicle's battery, and over 8,000 total complaints about the Devices. Progressive, therefore, knew that the Snapshot Device is defective and damages vehicles and vehicle batteries, yet failed to warn Plaintiff and members of the Class.

## **B. PLAINTIFF'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE SNAPSHOT DEVICE**

24. Plaintiff Kimberly Poole is the owner of a 2013 Hyundai Sonata that she purchased in January 2017.

25. In April 2018, Plaintiff enrolled in the Snapshot Program. She chose to use the Snapshot Device relying upon the benefits and representations as explained and advertised by Progressive. After enrolling in the Snapshot Program, Plaintiff received a Snapshot Device from Progressive. She plugged the Snapshot Device into her vehicle, following the instructions provided by Progressive.

26. Plaintiff did not have any electrical or battery problems with her vehicle after her purchase date and before she plugged in the Snapshot Device.

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27. Plaintiff never removed the Snapshot Device from her vehicle, except when she took the vehicle to the mechanic and the mechanic needed to use the port into which the Snapshot Device plugs, for diagnostic testing. As of the date of filing, the device has been turned off and removed from Plaintiff's vehicle.

28. Plaintiff acted in a diligent and reasonable manner as the owner of a vehicle. Because Progressive concealed the defects of the Snapshot Device from her, she did not suspect (and had no reason to suspect) that there was anything wrong with the Snapshot Device until she began to experience problems with her car.

29. Around the end of April 2018, very soon after Plaintiff plugged in the Snapshot Device, her vehicle battery began to have problems. Specifically, the vehicle will not turn on when she turns the key in the ignition. Instead, the vehicle just makes clicking sounds, like the battery is dead.

30. Sometimes, if Plaintiff lets the car sit for a few minutes and tries again, the car will start on her second attempt. But that does not always work.

31. Plaintiff started carrying a jump box in her car, and frequently has to use the jump box to start the car. Plaintiff is a busy mother of three and with school in session, she cannot afford to have a car that will not start.

32. Plaintiff did not have any problems with the battery or ignition before installing the Snapshot Device. The Snapshot Device caused her battery and ignition to stop working properly.

33. In addition to these issues, after Plaintiff plugged the Snapshot Device into her car, her traction control light began illuminating unexpectedly. When the traction control light illuminates, it means that traction control in the vehicle has become disabled. Nonfunctional

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traction control can be unsafe, because traction control helps car wheels gain traction on slippery surfaces.

34. Plaintiff's vehicle did not have problems with the traction control feature automatically disabling before she installed the Snapshot Device. The Snapshot Device caused her vehicle to automatically disable traction control, causing the traction control light to illuminate.

## **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

35. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and the members of a Class defined as follows: all persons residing in the State of Kentucky who used Progressive's Snapshot Device since 2011, or the date of first manufacture, whichever comes first. Excluded from the class are the Judge and counsel in this action,

36. Members of the Class are so numerous that joinder is impracticable. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiff, it is believed that the Class is comprised of thousands of members geographically dispersed throughout the State of Kentucky. The Class is readily identifiable from information and records in the sole possession and control of Progressive.

37. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class. These questions predominate over questions that may affect only individual Class members because Progressive has acted on grounds generally applicable to the Class. Such common legal or factual questions include:

- a. Whether the Snapshot Device is defective;
- b. Whether the Snapshot Device is defectively designed and/or manufactured;
- c. Whether the damages caused by the Snapshot Device resulted from Progressive's negligence;

- d. Whether Progressive knew or reasonably should have known about the defects prior to distributing the Snapshot Device to Plaintiff and the Class;
- e. Whether Progressive concealed from and/or failed to disclose to Plaintiff and the Class the problems with the Snapshot Device, including but not limited to the Device's defects and damages that result from using the Device;
- f. Whether Progressive knew or reasonably should have known about the defects after distributing the Snapshot Device to Plaintiff and the Class;
- g. Whether Progressive should be ordered to disgorge part or all of the ill-gotten profits it received from the distribution of the defective Snapshot Devices;
- h. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to damages and the amount of such damages; and
- i. Whether Progressive should be enjoined from marketing and distributing its defective Snapshot Devices.

38. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the members of the Class as all members of the Class are similarly affected by Progressive's actionable conduct. Plaintiff and all members of the Class used the defective Snapshot Devices. In addition, Progressive's conduct that gave rise to the claims of Plaintiff and the Class members (i.e. delivering a defective Snapshot Device) is the same for all members of the Class.

39. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interest of the Class because Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to, or in conflict with, the Class that Plaintiff seeks to represent. Furthermore, Plaintiff has retained counsel experienced and competent in the prosecution of complex class action litigation.

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40. Class action treatment is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, in that, among other things, such treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons or entities to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the unnecessary duplication of evidence, effort, expense, or possibility of inconsistent or contradictory judgments that numerous individual actions would engender. The benefits of the class mechanism, including providing injured persons or entities with a method for obtaining redress on claims that might not be practicable to pursue individually, substantially outweigh any difficulties that may arise in the management of this class action.

41. Plaintiff knows of no difficulty to be encountered in the maintenance of this action that would preclude its maintenance as a class action.

42. Progressive has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

### <u>COUNT I</u>

## Negligence (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

43. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

44. Progressive, as a manufacturer and distributor of the Snapshot Device, owes a duty to its customers to use reasonable care in the formulation, design, manufacture, marketing, advertisement, and distribution of its products to ensure that they are safe for use in vehicles without causing damage to those vehicles.

45. Defendant breached its duty as described herein by failing to exercise reasonable care in the formulation, design, manufacture, marketing, advertising, and distribution of the

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Snapshot Device, which causes damage to a vehicle's battery and electrical system to the point where the vehicle and its battery are rendered non-functional or diminished in value.

46. As a direct and proximate result of Progressive's failure to exercise reasonable care in the formulation, design, manufacture, marketing, advertising, and distribution of the Snapshot Device, Plaintiff and Class suffered damages.

## COUNT II

## Strict Liability (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

47. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.

48. The Snapshot Device was defectively designed, manufactured, tested, assembled, planned, engineered, constructed, built, inspected, and distributed by Progressive. The defective condition of the Snapshot Device rendered the Device unreasonably dangerous to Plaintiff and Class as intended and foreseeable users of the Device.

49. At the time that the Snapshot Device and its components parted the exclusive control of Progressive and was distributed by Progressive to Plaintiff, the Snapshot Device was defective and unreasonably dangerous in that it, without limitation:

a. Was defective by virtue of a design defect since Progressive designed the Snapshot Device in a way that the Device causes damage to a vehicle's battery and electrical system to the point where the vehicle and its battery are rendered non-functional or diminished in value;

b. Was defective by virtue of a manufacturing defect since Progressive manufactured the Snapshot Device using inappropriate and inadequate materials that caused the Device

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to damage a vehicle's battery and electrical system to the point where the vehicle and its battery are rendered non-functional or diminished in value;

c. Was defective because Progressive inadequately performed quality control, inspections, and testing during the manufacture and assembly of the Snapshot Device when such quality control, inspections, and testing would have determined that the Snapshot Device causes damage to a vehicle's battery and electrical system to the point where the vehicle and its battery are rendered non-functional or diminished in value;

d. Was defective because Progressive knew or should have known of the defective and unreasonably dangerous condition of the Device but still marketed, advertised and distributed the Snapshot Device throughout the United States without adequate warnings of its defective and unreasonably dangerous condition, which, in a foreseeable manner, causes damage to a vehicle's battery and electrical system to the point where the vehicle and its battery are rendered non-functional or diminished in value; and

e. Was defective because Progressive did not adequately warn of the risk to a vehicle's electrical system and battery caused by the Snapshot Device, even though such risk was known or knowable in light of the generally recognized and prevailing best scientific knowledge available at the time of Snapshot's manufacture and distribution.

50. At all times material hereto, Progressive knew or should have known when the Snapshot Device was designed, manufactured, tested, assembled, planned, engineered, constructed, built, inspected, or distributed, that the device and its components would be used without inspection for defects, and that the defects that were present are latent and cannot be discovered by ordinary consumers.

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51. Progressive is strictly liable to Plaintiff Class members as foreseeable users for the Snapshot Device's defective and unreasonably dangerous condition and the resulting damages therefrom.

52. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and unreasonably dangerous condition of the Snapshot Device, Plaintiff and Class suffered damages.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the proposed Class, respectfully requests that the Court:

a. Certify the Class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

b. Awards damages, including compensatory, exemplary, and statutory damages, to Plaintiff and Class in an amount to be determined at trial;

c. Grant restitution to Plaintiff and Class and require Progressive to disgorge its illgotten gains;

d. Permanently enjoin Progressive from engaging in the wrongful and unlawful conduct alleged herein;

e. Award Plaintiff her expenses and costs of suit, including reasonable attorney's fees to the extent provided by law;

f. Award pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest legal rate to the extent provided by law; and

g. Award such further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

#### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury in the instant action.

Dated: September 24, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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II. <u>RELATED OR REFILED CASES</u>. See LR 3.1 which provides in pertinent part: "If an action is filed or removed to this Court and assigned to a District Judge after which it is discontinued, dismissed or remanded to a State court, and subsequently refiled, it shall be assigned to the same Judge who received the initial case assignment without regardfor the place of holding court in which the case was refiled. Counsel or a party without counsel shall be responsible for bringing such cases to the attention of the Court by responding to the questions included on the Civil Cover Sheet."

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If applicable, please indicate on page 1 in section VIII, the name of the Judge and case number.

III. In accordance with Local Civil Rule **3.8**, actions involving counties in the Eastern Division shall be filed at any of the divisional offices therein. Actions involving counties in the Western Division shall be filed at the Toledo office. For the purpose of determining the proper division, and for statistical reasons, the following information is requested.

ANSWER ONE PARAGRAPH ONLY. ANSWER PARAGRAPHS 1 THRU 3 IN ORDER. UPON FINDING WHICH PARAGRAPH APPLIES TO YOUR CASE, ANSWER IT AND STOP.

(1) **<u>Resident defendant</u>**. If the defendant resides in a county within this district, please set forth the name of such

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<u>Corporation</u> For the purpose of answering the above, a corporation is deemed to be a resident of that county in which it has its principal place of business in that district.

- (2) <u>Non-Resident defendant</u>. If no defendant is a resident of a county in this district, please set forth the county wherein the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred.
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- (3) **Other Cases**. If no defendant is a resident of this district, or if the defendant is a corporation not having a principle place of business within the district, and the cause of action arose or the event complained of occurred outside this district, please set forth the county of the plaintiff's residence.

## COUNTY:

**IV.** The Counties in the Northern District of Ohio are divided into divisions as shown below. After the county is determined in Section **III**, please check the appropriate division.

## EASTERN DIVISION

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(Counties: Carroll, Holmes, Portage, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas and Wayne) (Counties: Ashland, Ashtabula, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina and Richland) (Counties: Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull)

#### WESTERN DIVISION



(Counties: Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca VanWert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot)

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44**

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box. Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes

precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked. Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)

- **III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- **IV.** Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: <u>Nature of Suit Code Descriptions</u>.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.

Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statue.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT						
Northern District of Oklahoma						
Kimberly Poole Plaintiff v. Progressive Casualty Insurance Co. Defendant	) ) ) Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-2194 ) )					
SUMMON	S IN A CIVIL ACTION					

To: (Defendant's name and address) Progressive Casualty Insurance, Co. 6300 Wilson Mills Road Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Jack Landskroner

Landskroner Grieco Merriman, LLC 1360 West 9th Street Suite 200 Cleveland, Ohio 44113

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

SANDY OPACICH, CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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## **PROOF OF SERVICE**

## (This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

	This summons for (no	me of individual and title, if any)								
was rec	ceived by me on (date)									
	□ I personally serve	d the summons on the individual a	t (place)							
		on (date)		; or						
	□ I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with (name)									
	, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,									
	on (date)	on <i>(date)</i> , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or								
	□ I served the summ	ons on (name of individual)		, '	who is					
	designated by law to	designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of (name of organization)								
			on (date)	; or						
		mong upor control because			; or					
	<b>Other</b> <i>(specify):</i>									
	My fees are \$ for travel and \$		for services, for a total of \$	0.00						
	I declare under penal	ty of perjury that this information	is true.							
Date:										
2			Server's signature							
			Printed name and title							

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc: