

07-730-CD

J. Thibeault vs John C. Beirlair

Jean Thibeault et al vs John Beirlair  
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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Forty-Sixth Judicial District, County Of Clearfield

NOTICE OF APPEAL

FROM

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGMENT

COMMON PLEAS No.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

07-730-CD

Notice is given that the appellant has filed in the above Court of Common Pleas an appeal from the judgment rendered by the Magisterial District Judge on the date and in the case referenced below.

NAME OF APPELLANT Jean K. Thibeault and Dawn D. Burd		MAG. DIST. NO. 46-3-04	NAME OF MDJ Judge James L. Hawkins	
ADDRESS OF APPELLANT 390 Ponderosa Drive		CITY Howard	STATE PA	ZIP CODE 16841

DATE OF JUDGMENT April 10, 2007	IN THE CASE OF (Plaintiff) Thibeault, Jean K., et al.	(Defendant) Beirlair, John C.
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DOCKET No. CV-41-07	SIGNATURE OF APPELLANT OR ATTORNEY OR AGENT <i>Federick M. Neiswander</i>
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This block will be signed ONLY when this notation is required under Pa. R.C.P.D.J. No. 1008B. This Notice of Appeal, when received by the Magisterial District Judge, will operate as a SUPERSEDEAS to the judgment for possession in this case.

If appellant was Claimant (see Pa. R.C.P.D.J. No. 1001(6)) in action before a Magisterial District Judge, A COMPLAINT MUST BE FILED within (20) days after filing the NOTICE of APPEAL

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Notice

PRAECIPE TO ENTER RULE TO FILE COMPLAINT AND RULE TO FILE

William A. Shaw  
Prothonotary/Clerk of Courts  
to Def  
Mr. Hawkins  
Amy Neiswander

(This section of form to be used ONLY when appellant was DEFENDANT (see Pa.R.C.P.D.J. No. 1001(7) in action before Magisterial District Judge. IF NOT USED, detach from copy of notice of appeal to be served upon appellee.

PRAECIPE: To Prothonotary

Enter rule upon \_\_\_\_\_ appellee(s), to file a complaint in this appeal  
Name of appellee(s)

(Common Pleas No. \_\_\_\_\_) within twenty (20) days after service of rule or suffer entry of judgment of non pros.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of appellant or attorney or agent

RULE: To \_\_\_\_\_, appellee(s)  
Name of appellee(s)

(1) You are notified that a rule is hereby entered upon you to file a complaint in this appeal within twenty (20) days after the date of service of this rule upon you by personal service or by certified or registered mail.

(2) If you do not file a complaint within this time, a JUDGMENT OF NON PROS MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU.

(3) The date of service of this rule if service was by mail is the date of the mailing.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Prothonotary or Deputy

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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**NOTICE OF JUDGMENT/TRANSCRIPT  
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NAME and ADDRESS

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OLANTA, PA 16863**

Docket No.: **CV-0000041-07**

Date Filed: **3/06/07**



**THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT:**

**CORRECTED COPY**

Judgment: **FOR DEFENDANT** (Date of Judgment) **4/10/07**

☒ Judgment was entered for: (Name) **BEIRLAIR, JOHN C**

☒ Judgment was entered against: (Name) **THIBEAULT, JEAN K, ET AL.**  
in the amount of \$ **.00**

☐ Defendants are jointly and severally liable.

☐ Damages will be assessed on Date & Time \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This case dismissed without prejudice.

☐ Amount of Judgment Subject to Attachment/42 Pa.C.S. § 8127  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Portion of Judgment for physical damages arising out of  
residential lease \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Judgment	\$ <b>.00</b>
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<b>Total</b>	\$ <b>.00</b>
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**4-10-07** Date *James L. Hawkins*, Magisterial District Judge

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the record of the proceedings containing the judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_, Date \_\_\_\_\_, Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January, **2012**.

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No. 07 - 730 -CD

Type of case: Civil

Type of pleading: Complaint

Filed on behalf of: Plaintiffs,  
Jean K. Thibeault and  
Dawn D. Burd

Counsel for Plaintiffs:  
Frederick M. Neiswender, Esquire  
Supreme Court No. 74456

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	:	
Defendant.	:	

**COMPLAINT**

AND NOW, come the Plaintiffs, JEAN K. THIBEAULT and DAWN D. BURD, by and through their attorneys, NEISWENDER & KUBISTA, and file this Complaint against the Defendant, JOHN C. BEIRLAIR, on a cause of action upon which the following is a statement:

1. That Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault [hereinafter Plaintiff Thibeault], is an adult individual residing at 390 Ponderosa Drive, Howard, Centre County, Pennsylvania 16841.
2. That Plaintiff, Dawn D. Burd [hereinafter Plaintiff Burd], is an adult individual residing at 253 Burd Lane, Bellefonte, Centre County, Pennsylvania 16823.
3. That Defendant, John C. Beirlair, is an adult individual residing at 7958 Curwensville Tyrone, Olanta, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania 16830.
4. That Plaintiff Burd holds title to a 1936 Chevrolet Sedan with a VIN #04488430501 BU.
5. That the automobile has significant monetary and sentimental value as it was previously owned by Plaintiff Burd and her late husband.

6. That upon her husband's death, prior to 2000, Plaintiff Burd gifted the automobile to Plaintiff Thibeault, her daughter, so that the automobile would remain in the family in the event of her untimely death.

7. That sometime after October of 2000, the automobile was moved onto the property of Plaintiff Thibeault and Defendant as the two were married and residing at 817 Mary Street, Houtzdale, Pennsylvania 16651.

8. That Defendant began restoring the automobile, stripping the paint, etc. while it remained in the garage of the marital residence.

9. That on or about January 17, 2003, the parties separated as Plaintiff Thibeault moved from the residence and filed a divorce complaint.

10. That within a year of their separation, Defendant moved the automobile from the garage into the driveway where it was exposed to the elements.

11. That throughout the pendency of the divorce, Plaintiff Thibeault, through counsel, attempted to make arrangements with Defendant to retrieve the automobile from the residence.

12. That Defendant would not permit Plaintiff Thibeault or Plaintiff Burd to enter the property for any reason.

13. That on February 28, 2006, a Master's Hearing was held with regard to the parties' pending divorce and the master determined that the automobile was non-marital property belonging to Plaintiff Thibeault.

14. That following the Report and Recommendation of Master, Defendant continued to deny Plaintiff Thibeault and Plaintiff Burd entry onto the property to retrieve the automobile.

15. That on or about March 2006, Plaintiffs' were able to retrieve the automobile when Defendant was forced to leave the property following foreclosure proceedings.

16. That upon inspection, Plaintiffs determined that the automobile had suffered extensive damage.

17. That the estimated cost to return Plaintiffs' automobile to the condition it was in prior to Defendant's actions is Forty-three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$43,460.00).  
*See attached Exhibit A*

18. That the Defendant, by moving the automobile into the elements as described above, directly and proximately caused the damages to Plaintiffs' automobile.

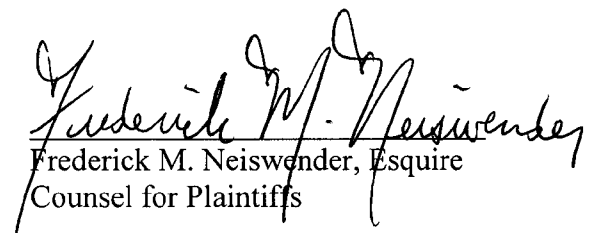
19. That Defendant, through his actions was negligent, careless and reckless with total disregard for the damages his actions may cause.

20. That at no time prior to March 2006 was either Plaintiff permitted to enter the property of the Defendant to remove the automobile or inspect it for damage.

21. That Plaintiffs are entitled to monetary damages as compensation for the damage to their property caused by the Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that your Honorable Court enter a judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs and against the Defendant in an amount in excess of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) plus interest and costs of the suit.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frederick M. Neiswender, Esquire  
Counsel for Plaintiffs

# Peterson Auto Body

Box 119 Williams Street  
Ramey, Pa 16671

## ESTIMATE AND REPAIR ORDER

Car Owner Ran Burkhardt / Dawn Bird Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date 4-09-07

Address 390 Pendergast Dr. Howard Home Phone 814-383-2111

Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I.D. 36 Chevy Adjuster \_\_\_\_\_

Repair	Replace	DESCRIPTION OF LABOR OR MATERIAL	LABOR HRS.	PARTS	MISC	SUBLET-NET & PAINT
X		Right & Left Fenders				
X		Right & Left Doors				
X		Right & Left Quarters				
X		Hood				15000.00
X		Roof				
X		TRUNK				
X		Grille				
		Remove Exterior				
		Patch Floor				
		Replace Exterior				19000.00
		Put Vehicle Back Together				
		PAINT & MAT				3500.00

The above estimate is based on our inspection and does not cover additional parts or labor which may be required after work has started. Worn or damaged parts, not evident on first inspection, may be discovered and you will be contacted for authorization for additional work.

Parts prices subject to change without notice. This estimate is good for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Deductible Estimator \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I have read and understand the above estimate and authorize repair service be performed. Including sublet work and acknowledge receipt of this estimate. An express mechanic's lien is hereby acknowledged on above car, truck, or vehicle to secure the amount of repairs thereto.

THIS WORK AUTHORIZED  
BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ACCEPTED  
BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

HRS. OF LABOR @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER HR. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Revised Estimate \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Customer's O.K. by \_\_\_\_\_

PARTS 37500.00

PAINT MATERIALS 3500.00

SUBLET 41000.00

TAX 2460.00

ADVANCE CHARGES \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHGS. if not Repaired \$ \_\_\_\_\_

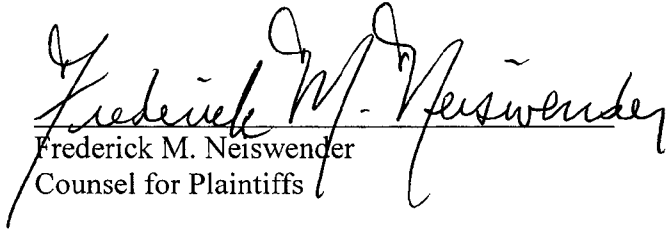
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**VERIFICATION**

FREDERICK M. NEISWENDER, ESQUIRE hereby states that he is Counsel for the Plaintiffs in this action and that the statements of fact made in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct upon opinion and belief based on information provided to him by the Plaintiffs. The undersigned is verifying this Complaint on behalf of the Plaintiffs as per the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure due to the fact that the Plaintiffs reside outside the jurisdiction of this Court and time constraints do not permit their verification of the Complaint. Both the Plaintiffs and the undersigned understand the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 5/29/2007

  
Frederick M. Neiswender  
Counsel for Plaintiffs

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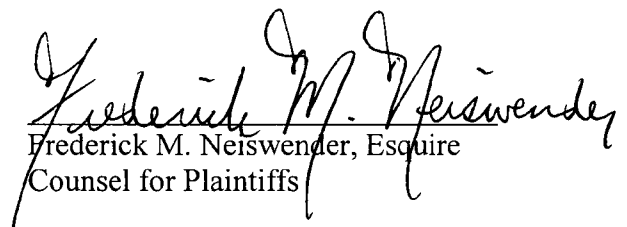
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Frederick M. Neiswender, Esquire, hereby certify that service of the foregoing Complaint was made upon John C. Beirlair, by mailing, first class, postage prepaid, a true copy to him on May 29, 2007, at the following address:

John C. Beirlair  
7958 Curwensville Tyrone  
Olanta, Pennsylvania 16863

  
Frederick M. Neiswender, Esquire  
Counsel for Plaintiffs

NEISWENDER & KUBISTA  
211½ North Second Street  
Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830

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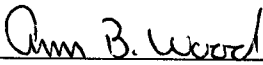
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**NOTICE TO PLEAD**

TO: THE WITHIN NAMED PLAINTIFFS:

You are hereby notified to file a written response to the enclosed New Matter within twenty (20) days from service hereof or a judgment may be entered against you.

BELL, SILBERBLATT & WOOD  
BY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ann B. Wood, Esquire  
Attorney for Defendant

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**ANSWER AND NEW MATTER**

NOW COMES the Defendant, John C. Beirlair, by his attorneys, Bell, Silberblatt & Wood, and files his Answer to the Complaint as follows:

1. Paragraph 1 of the Complaint is admitted.
2. Paragraph 2 of the Complaint is admitted.
3. Paragraph 3 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the proper address for John C. Beirlair is 7942 Curwensville-Tyrone Highway, Olanta, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, 16863.
4. Paragraph 4 of the Complaint is admitted.
5. Paragraph 5 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the allegations therein being within the particular knowledge of the Plaintiffs, the Defendant, after reasonable investigation, is unable to determine the truth thereof and, strict proof is demanded at trial.
6. Paragraph 6 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the Plaintiff, Dawn D. Burd, gave the subject automobile to the Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, and the Defendant during the time of their marriage.

7. Paragraph 7 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the automobile was first stored by Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, and the Defendant at a garage located at 7958 Curwensville-Tyrone Highway, Olanta, Pennsylvania, and was subsequently moved in 2001 to property of Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, and the Defendant, at 817 Mary Street, Houtzdale, Pennsylvania 16651.

8. Paragraph 8 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, and the Defendant during their marriage began to remodel and rehabilitate the automobile but, it is denied that these parties were restoring the automobile to its original condition.

9. Paragraph 9 of the Complaint is admitted.

10. Paragraph 10 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the Defendant moved the automobile out of the garage but covered the vehicle itself as well as protecting certain of the parts inside the vehicle and/or wrapping them in tarps to protect them from the elements.

11. Paragraph 11 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that there was an issue during the divorce of the parties as to whether the subject automobile was a marital asset during which time the Defendant retained the physical possession of the property.

12. Paragraph 12 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, was on the property where the vehicle was stored on a number of occasions. It is further averred that Plaintiff, Dawn D. Burd, never requested access to the property nor possession of the vehicle.

13. Paragraph 13 of the Complaint is admitted in part and denied in part. It is denied that the Master's Hearing was held February 28, 2006, which was, in fact, the date the Master's Report was filed.

14. Paragraph 14 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary it is averred that, following Report and Recommendation of the Master, the Defendant never denied the Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, access to the car or the property.

15. Paragraph 15 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the Defendant had relocated from the property prior to the time of the Master's Hearing. It is further averred that the Defendant was finally forced to have a realtor, who was involved with the property, contact Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, to give notice that it was necessary that she remove the vehicle from the property. It is further averred that the specific date when the Plaintiffs took possession of the property, being within the particular knowledge of the Plaintiffs, the Defendant, after reasonable investigation, is unable to determine the truth thereof and, strict proof is demanded at trial

16. Paragraph 16 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the vehicle did not suffer any type of extensive damage from the time of the parties' separation until the time that the Plaintiffs took possession of the vehicle.

17. Paragraph 17 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the estimate provided as Exhibit "A" to the Complaint does not represent the cost to restore the vehicle to the condition at the time of the parties' separation.

18. Paragraph 18 of the Complaint, being a legal conclusion, no answer is required thereto. However, in the event that an answer is required, it is denied as stated and, on the

contrary, it is averred that the Defendant, through his actions, took steps to protect the condition of the vehicle and, it is further averred that the present condition of the vehicle is due, in part, to the neglect since March of 2006 when the Plaintiffs took possession and have left it sitting exposed to the elements including those parts which were specifically covered and/or protected by the Defendant while the vehicle was in his possession.

19. Paragraph 19 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that any damage to the vehicle has been caused by the neglect, carelessness and recklessness of the Plaintiffs since assuming possession of the vehicle in March of 2006.

20. Paragraph 20 of the Complaint is denied as stated and, on the contrary, it is averred that the Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault had numerous opportunities to view the vehicle at the property. It is further averred that Defendant, Dawn D. Burd, never requested permission to enter the property of the Defendant nor to examine the vehicle.

21. Paragraph 21 of the Complaint is denied as state and, on the contrary, it is averred that any damage to the vehicle was caused by the actions of the Plaintiffs and not by any action of the Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Defendant would request your Honorable Court to enter judgment in favor of the Defendant and against the Plaintiffs.

#### **NEW MATTER**

NOW COMES the Defendant, John C. Beirlair, by his attorneys, Bell, Silberblatt & Wood, and sets forth his New Matter as follows:

22. Paragraphs 1 through 21 of the Complaint and Answer are incorporated herein by reference as though the same were set forth in full.



23. From the time that the automobile was placed in the garage at the home of Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, and the Defendant at 817 Mary Street, Houtzdale, Pennsylvania 16651, until the departure of the Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, on January 17, 2003, the parties agreed and took steps to convert the vehicle from the condition in which it was received to turn the vehicle into a street rod.

24. At the time that Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, and the Defendant received the vehicle from Plaintiff, Dawn D. Burd, the automobile was not in operating condition, the motor did not run, the brakes did not work and, it had broken and/or fogged windows.

25. The Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, and the Defendant agreed to the Defendant stripping the paint on certain parts of the vehicle, replacing the interior wood, changing the front suspension with a modern style suspension and replacing the motor, transmission and a number of other parts.

26. The Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault, and the Defendant agreed to give a number of parts which they did not feel they needed on the vehicle, including the motor, transmission and rear differential to Harold Zulick.

27. When the Defendant moved the vehicle outside of the garage in Houtzdale, he covered the vehicle with plastic, put the grill inside and protected the fenders, running boards and hood by individually wrapping those parts in tarps.

28. Since the Plaintiffs took possession of the vehicle sometime in March of 2006, the Plaintiffs have left the vehicle outside allowing the entire vehicle, including the fenders, running boards, hood and grill to be exposed to the elements.

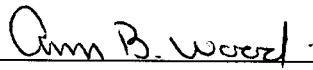
29. As a result of the Plaintiffs' actions in leaving the vehicle and certain parts unprotected, the vehicle has experience some surface rust on certain of the body parts.

30. The Plaintiffs, through their actions, were negligent, careless and reckless with total disregard to the damages that their actions may cause.

31. At no time during the possession of the automobile by Plaintiff, Jean K. Thibeault and the Defendant, or during the time of the possession by Defendant solely did the Plaintiff, Dawn D. Burd, ever request possession of the vehicle or to enter the property where the vehicle was located to inspect the vehicle.

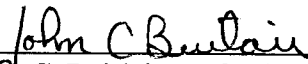
WHEREFORE, the Defendant would request the Honorable Court to enter judgment in favor of the Defendant and against the Plaintiffs.

BELL, SILBERBLATT & WOOD  
BY:

  
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318 East Locust Street  
P.O. Box 670  
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(814) 765-5537  
Attorney for Defendant, John C. Beirlair

#### VERIFICATION

I, John C. Beirlair, state that the within statements in the foregoing Answer and New Matter are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A., Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

  
John C. Beirlair, Defendant

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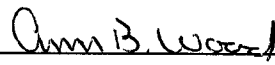
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a certified copy of the Answer and New Matter with reference to the above matter has been served upon the following attorney for Plaintiffs by mailing the same to him by United States First Class Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows on June 19, 2007, as follows:

Frederick M. Neiswender, Esquire  
Neiswender & Kubista  
211-1/2 North Second Street  
Clearfield, PA 16830

BELL, SILBERBLATT & WOOD  
By:

  
Ann B. Wood, Esquire  
Attorney for Defendant

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Counsel for Plaintiffs:  
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**REPLY TO NEW MATTER**

NOW, come the Plaintiffs, JEAN K. THIBEAULT and DAWN D. BURD, by and through their attorneys, NEISWENDER & KUBISTA and make their Reply to Defendant's New Matter as follows:

22. No reply is required.
23. Paragraph 23 is denied. It is denied that Plaintiff Thibeault and Defendant agreed to convert the vehicle to a street rod.
24. Paragraph 24 is denied. It is denied that at the time Plaintiff Thibeault received the vehicle from Plaintiff Burd the automobile was not in operating condition, the motor did not run, the brakes did not work and it had broken and/or fogged windows.
25. Paragraph 25 is admitted in part, denied in part. It is admitted that Plaintiff Thibeault agreed to the Defendant stripping the paint on certain parts of the vehicle. It is denied that Plaintiff Thibeault and Defendant agreed to the Defendant replacing the interior wood, changing the front suspension with a modern style suspension and replacing the motor, transmission and a number of other parts.

26. Paragraph 26 is denied. It is denied that Plaintiff Thibeault and Defendant agreed to give away a number of parts including the motor, transmission and rear differential to Harold Zulick.

27. After reasonable investigation Plaintiffs are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of this averment.

28. Paragraph 28 is denied. It is denied that since Plaintiffs took possession of the vehicle in March of 2006, the vehicle was left outside allowing the entire vehicle, including the fenders, running boards, hood and grill to be exposed to the elements. Strict proof thereof is demanded at trial.

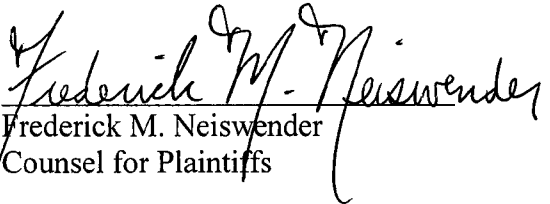
29. Paragraph 29 is denied. It is denied that as a result of Plaintiffs' actions in leaving the vehicle and certain parts unprotected, the vehicle has experienced some surface rust on certain of the body parts. To the contrary, any rust on body of the vehicle is the direct result of the Defendant's actions while he was in possession of the vehicle.

30. Paragraph 30 is denied. It is denied that Plaintiffs through their actions, were negligent, careless and reckless with total disregard to the damages that their actions may cause. To the contrary, any damage to the vehicle is the direct result of the Defendant's actions while he was in possession of the vehicle.

31. Paragraph 31 is denied. It is denied that at no time during the possession of the automobile by Plaintiff Thibeault and the Defendant, or during the time of the possession by the Defendant solely did Plaintiff Burd ever request possession of the vehicle or to enter the property where the vehicle was located to inspect the vehicle. To the contrary, Plaintiffs requested return of the vehicle on numerous occasions and were informed in no uncertain terms that they were not permitted to enter the property of the Defendant.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request this Honorable Court award judgment to Plaintiffs as set forth in their Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frederick M. Neiswender  
Counsel for Plaintiffs



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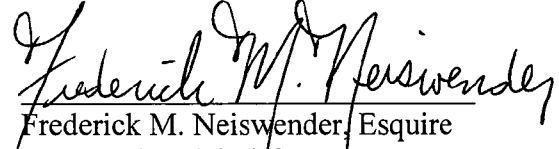
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I, Frederick M. Neiswender, Esquire, hereby certify that service of the foregoing Reply to New Matter was made upon John C. Beirlair, by hand delivery, a true copy to the office of their attorney of record, Ann B. Wood, Esquire, on October 8, 2007, at the following address:

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**CERTIFICATE OF READINESS**

TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Please place the above captioned case on the Civil Trial List.

1. Date presented: June 13, 2008.
2. Date compliant filed: May 29, 2007.
3. Type of trial requested: Bench Trial.
4. Estimated trial time: ½ day.
5. Amount at issue: In excess of \$20,000.00 plus interest and costs of the suit.
6. Counsel for the Defendant: Ann B. Wood, Esq., Telephone: (814) 765-5537.

I certify that all discovery in the case has been completed; all necessary parties and witnesses are available; serious settlement negotiations have been conducted; the case is ready in all respects for trial, and a copy of this Certificate has been served upon all counsel of record and upon all parties of record who are not represented by counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frederick M. Neiswender  
Counsel for Plaintiffs

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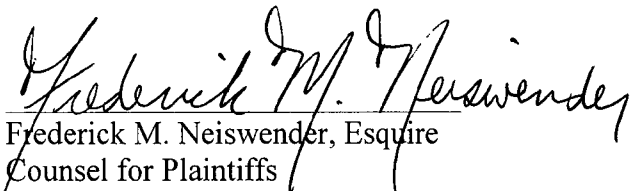
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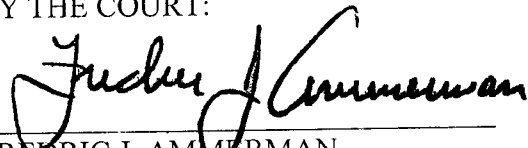
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**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008, it is the Order of the Court that a pre-trial conference in the above-captioned matter shall be and is hereby scheduled for **Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 3:00 P.M.** in Judges Chambers, Clearfield County Courthouse, Clearfield, PA.

BY THE COURT:

  
FREDRIC J. AMMERMAN  
President Judge

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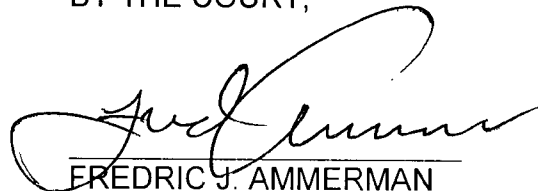
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
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**ORDER**

NOW, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008, following pre-trial conference with counsel for the parties as set forth above, it is the ORDER of this Court that a one day Non Jury Trial be and is hereby scheduled for **August 22, 2008**, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom No. 1 of the Clearfield County Courthouse, Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

BY THE COURT,

  
FREDRIC J. AMMERMAN  
President Judge

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AND NOW, this 22nd day of August, 2008, following civil non-jury trial, it is the ORDER of this Court that counsel for both parties supply the Court with letter brief within no more than thirty (30) days from this date.

BY THE COURT,



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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
CIVIL DIVISION

JEAN K. THIBEULT and DAWN D. BURD,  
Plaintiffs

vs.

JOHN C. BEIRLAIR,  
Defendant

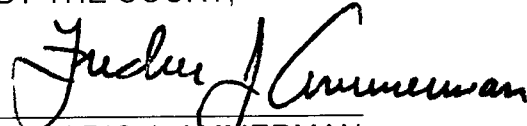
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ORDER

**NOW**, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2008, following non-jury trial and the Court's receipt of briefs, it is the finding of this Court that the Plaintiffs have not met their burden of proof in regard to showing liability on the part of the Defendant. In addition, the Court finds that the repair estimate attempted to be offered into evidence by Plaintiff is inadmissible hearsay and as such the Plaintiffs have not proven any level of damages. Accordingly, it is the ORDER of this Court that the Plaintiffs' Complaint be and is hereby DISMISSED, with prejudice.

BY THE COURT,



FREDRIC J. AMMERMAN  
President Judge

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