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Dear Sir or Madam:

This Letter is in regards to a Business that is licensed as a House mover in the City of Rapid City.

I hired Ted Pettyjohn of Pettyjohn Enterprises on February 10th of 2003 to move a doublewide Mobile Home from 721 E. Chicago St. #79 to My Property in Rockerville So. Dak. Our agreement was for the sum of \$2000 as deposit up front and \$2000 once completed. He said it would take about four days to complete the move and on our foundation before the 1st of March.

On the 3rd of March I received an eviction notice from the Court. Ted had assured the court owner and myself that he would have the home off the lot before the 1st and it was still on the lot. Based on his assurances the court owners rented the lot to another homeowner starting the 1st of March. Unfortunately this family underwent a terrible ordeal trying to figure out where to live and store their stuff, with no real assurances of what would happen next. Repeatedly Ted would assure us that it would be moved the next day, only to find that he had work on another half finished project for someone else. On the 10th of March he moved the home to our property and parked the home 250ft and 180 degrees out from the foundation.

The first incident that caused damage happen within the first couple of blocks of the lot where he run the home into a tree scratching the siding and windows of the home and tearing off trim and denting the fascia. Later on in the trip he attempted to move the home to the side of the road due to a lack of helpers needed to provide road guides for managing the traffic. With no one watching the right side a second time, the right side of the home went into the ditch on Highway 16. In the time that he was stuck in the ditch the Highway Patrol showed up to provide traffic control. During this time the Hiway Patrol checked his

permits and give him a ticket for moving the home without the proper permits. The next 1/8th of a mile went off without any further events.

Again after several phone calls between Ted and I, where the promise was always made that he would be out in the morning he finally showed up a week later with two helpers. Ted needed to pull the home back out onto the county road to turn the home around a 180 degrees for proper alignment. Because he only had two helpers and it took two trucks to pull the home back on to the county road he only had one person for traffic control and for clearing the home of obstacles. During this moving process as Ted was watching the left side, the right side was being driven into a two foot deep ditch. After a quick review of the problem and the fact that he was blocking traffic again, he decided to have the driver try and pull the home out of the ditch without jacking up the tires. During this attempt the forces pulled the I-beam and Crossbeams apart, causing one side of the home to fall to the ground splitting the home in half. After several hours of jacking and repositioning the home he moved the home off the county road and back where it started that morning. Still, 250ft and 180degrees out from the foundation. Again the Highway Patrol showed up to provide traffic control.

After inspection of the home he told me that the repairs would be less then \$1,000 and he would get a friend to fix the damages. As for the damage to the home it is currently around \$5,000. The Insurance Company will pay for the damages once the home is moved to the foundation.

In addition to the destruction Ted has caused to my home he also spilled approximately forty to fifty gallons of diesel fuel on our property without making any attempt to clean it up. When the Spill occurred Ted made no attempt stop the leakage or contact his insurance Company or me. He said it was not enough to worry about; therefore he would not contact his Insurance Company. I contacted his insurance Company and they have paid to clean up the fuel spill, approximately \$6,800.

Since the damage Ted has shown up from time to time only to do a little work or pick up some of his equipment left behind and leave with the same old false promises of I will be back in the morning to move the home.

As of today I have \$70,000 invested in a home that is not setting on my foundation, but has sustained approximately \$5,000 damage and the damage keeps growing as it is exposed to the weather. My ground is polluted with diesel fuel. In addition to these losses I am also losing out on rent of a \$1,000 a month.

Trying to hire another mover to finish the job has been difficult as they have all had to deal with Ted, and do not want to be tied up with him and the liability. In talking to other Movers They have pointed out several items that Ted failed to do that would have reduced or prevented the damages sustained during this disaster or could cause more problems. The first is Ted used two short I-beams to support the front of the home. This proved to be a major cause of damage during the fall, bending all four of the sub frames and causing buckling in the floor. Next Ted did not use any means of securing the crossbeams to the main I-beams or the sub frames other then gravity. Also Ted's dollies did not have the brakes hooked up during the move. In addition had he used chains or clamps between the dollies, beams and the home, the home would not have slid off the main beams during the fall.

Each time Ted showed up he has different helpers accompany him. I am told that most of his help comes from day labor which explains their lack of experience and concern for the project or damage of property.

I have reflected back on my decision to hire Ted Pettyjohn. My main reason for hiring him was I have seen him doing work in Rapid City and I know that the city requires a license to operate. Since I hired Ted I have heard from several persons who experienced similar ordeals with him.

Respectfully,



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