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Attorney I.D. # 55821

ANTHONY PERO, a minor, by and through his: parent and natural guardian, Margaret Pero: 454 Fairhill Drive: Churchville, Pennsylvania 18966: and: MARGARET PERO, individually: 454 Fairhill Drive: :

Churchville, Pennsylvania 18966
Plaintiffs

VS.

K-MART
c/o CT Corporation
1515 Market Street, Suite 1210
Philadelphia, PA 19102
and
VENDOMATIC, INC.
14650 Rothgeb Drive, Unit S
Rockville, MD 20850
Defendants

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

FEBRUARY TERM, 2002

NO.

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JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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COMPLAINT - CIVIL ACTION

- 1. Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, is a minor, citizen and resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing therein at 454 Fairhill Drive, Churchville, Pennsylvania, 18966.
 - 2. Plaintiff, Margaret Pero, is the mother and natural guardian of Anthony Pero.

Margaret Pero is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing therein at 454 Fairhill Drive, Churchville, Pennsylvania, 18966.

- 3. Defendant, Vendomatic Inc., is, upon information and belief, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with its principal place of business at 14650 Rothgeb Drive, Unit S, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. Vendomatic maintains a distribution center in Pennsylvania and is authorized to and is conducting business in Pennsylvania.
- 4. Defendant, K-Mart, is, upon information and belief, a corporation authorized to and conducting business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with an agent authorized to receive process on its behalf located at CT Corporation, 1515 Market Street, Suite 1210, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19102.
- 5. At all times relevant and material hereto, Defendant, K-Mart, did operate, possess, control and maintain two separate coin operated amusement rides on its premises, one being a red bus, and the other being a mechanical horse (or, together, referred to as the "amusement rides").
- 6. At all times relevant and material hereto, Defendant, Vendomatic, Inc., did manufacture, install, and maintain the aforementioned amusement rides at the K-Mart located at Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19136.
- 7. On May 17, 2001, Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, was riding the red bus amusement ride outside of K-Mart, which was operating adjacent to the mechanical horse amusement ride that his sister was contemporaneously using.
- 8. Plaintiff suffered injuries when he placed his hand in the mechanical horse's mouth while riding the red bus, which resulted in serious and/or permanent personal injuries.

COUNT I

NEGLIGENCE

PLAINTIFFS, ANTHONY PERO, A MINOR BY AND THROUGH HIS PARENT AND NATURAL GUARDIAN MARGARET PERO V. DEFENDANT, VENDOMATIC, INC.

- 9. Plaintiff herein incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 8 above as though the same were more fully set forth at length herein.
- 10. At the aforesaid time and place, Defendant K-Mart was controlling both the red bus amusement ride and the mechanical horse amusement ride negligently and carelessly by placing the amusement rides close to one another so as to facilitate the satisfaction of the young Plaintiff's innate desire to place his hand in the mechanical horse's mouth while riding the red bus, which resulted in serious and/or permanent personal injuries to Plaintiff.
- 11. At the time and place aforesaid, the carelessness, and negligence of the Vendomatic,

 Inc. consisted of the following:
- (a) Negligently failing to inform and warn patrons of the potential hazards of having the amusement rides so close;
- (b) Failing to keep a reasonable lookout for employees who may have moved the machines perilously close together;
- (c) Failing to recognize that a safe distance between the two amusement rides had not been achieved, and permitting paying customers to continue to operate the machines nonetheless.
- (d) Negligently placing the amusement rides in such a position as to create a hazard to children such as Plaintiff.

- 12. As a result of the aforesaid accident, caused by the careless, and negligent conduct of the Defendant, K-Mart, Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, was caused to suffer severe, serious and permanent injuries in and about the body, said injuries being caused by the aforesaid negligence of the Defendant, K-Mart. Anthony Pero did in particular, but without limitation, suffer injuries to his right wrist (specifically, fractures of the distal portions of the radial and ulnar shafts of the right arm) and a severe shock to his nerves and nervous system, all of which are or may be serious and permanent.
- 13. As a result of the negligence as hereinbefore set forth, Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, has suffered ills and injuries as aforesaid, that have or may have disabled and prevented him from attending to his usual activities, and have in the past and may in the future impair his earning capacity and/or earning power, and have necessitated the incurring of expenses in and about endeavoring to treat and/or cure himself of the said injuries, any or all of which may continue, for which sums Plaintiff hereby makes claim.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, a minor, by and through his parent and natural guardian, Margaret Pero, demands judgment against the Defendant, K-Mart, in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

COUNT II

NEGLIGENCE

PLAINTIFF, ANTHONY PERO, A MINOR BY AND THROUGH HIS PARENT AND NATURAL GUARDIAN, MARGARET PERO V. DEFENDANT, VENDOMATIC, INC.

14. Plaintiff herein incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 8 above as though the same were more fully set forth at length herein.

- 15. At the aforesaid time and place, Defendant Vendomatic, Inc., installed, maintained and serviced both the red bus amusement ride and the mechanical amusement ride at the particular K-Mart store involved in the instant action located at Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 16. Defendant Vendomatic, Inc. installed, maintained and serviced the amusement rides in such a negligent and careless manner by failing to place the amusement rides in a hazard free manner, and failing to notify K-Mart of the same during any of Vendomatic, Inc.'s various service calls to K-Mart.
- 17. The aforesaid accident resulted solely from the negligence and carelessness of the Defendant Vendomatic, Inc. and was due in no manner whatsoever to any act or failure to act of the part of the Plaintiff.
- 18. At the time and place aforesaid, the carelessness and negligence of the Vendomatic, .

 Inc. consisted of the following:
- (a) Negligently installing the amusement rides in such a position as to create a hazard to children such as Plaintiff;
- (b) Negligently maintaining and servicing the amusement rides in such a negligent and careless manner by failing to place the machines in a hazard free manner;
- (c) Negligently placing in the stream of commerce a defective mechanical horse, intended to be used and enjoyed by very small children, such horse having a crafted mouth which is wide open, and inviting, to users of the horse or on-lookers to easily place objects, including a small child's hand, therein;

- (d) Failing to keep a reasonable lookout for employees who may have moved the machines perilously close together; and
- (e) Failing to recognize that a safe distance between the two amusement rides had not been achieved, and permitting paying customers to continue to operate the machines nonetheless.
- 19. As a result of the aforesaid accident, caused by the careless and negligent conduct of the Defendant, Vendomatic, Inc., Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, was caused to suffer severe, serious and permanent injuries in and about the body, the said injuries being caused, precipitated and/or aggravated by the aforesaid negligence of the Defendant, Vendomatic, Inc., and he did in particular, but without limitation, suffer injuries to his right wrist (specifically, fractures of the distal portions of the radial and ulnar shafts of the right arm) and a severe shock to his nerves and nervous system, all of which are or may be serious and permanent.
- 20. As a result of the negligence as hereinbefore set forth, Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, has suffered ills and injuries as aforesaid, that have or may have disabled and prevented him from attending to his usual activities, and have in the past and may in the future impair his earning capacity and/or earning power, and have necessitated the incurring of medical expenses in and about endeavoring to treat and/or cure himself of the said injuries, any or all of which may continue, for which sums Plaintiff hereby makes claim.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, a minor, by and through his parent and natural guardian, Margaret Pero, demands judgment against the Defendant, Vendomatic, Inc, in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

COUNT III

STRICT LIABILITY UNDER 402A

PLAINTIFF, ANTHONY PERO, A MINOR BY AND THROUGH HIS PARENT AND NATURAL GUARDIAN, MARGARET PERO V. DEFENDANT, VENDOMATIC, INC.

- 21. Plaintiff herein incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 20 above as though the same were more fully set forth at length herein.
- 22. Defendants Vendomatic, Inc. and K-Mart are suppliers of amusement rides which, in the regular course of its business, placed a defective and unsafe mechanical horse into the stream of commerce. Specifically, the horse's mouth was crafted in such a way so as to permit small children, such as Anthony Pero, to easily place their small, fragile hands inside the horse's mouth while the machine was in operation, causing serious and/or permanent personal injuries.
- 23. Defendants failed to warn customers of the dangerous condition of the mechanical horse and further failed to warn of the dangerous proximity of the two amusement rides.
- 24. As a result of the defective mechanical horse manufactured and distributed by Defendant, Vendomatic, Inc. and K-Mart, Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, was caused to suffer severe, serious and permanent injuries in and about the body, the said injuries being caused, precipitated and/or aggravated by the aforesaid defective product of the Defendant, Vendomatic, Inc. He did in particular, but without limitation, suffer injuries to his right wrist (specifically, fractures of the distal portions of the radial and ulnar shafts of the right arm) and a severe shock to his nerves and nervous system, all of which are or may be serious and permanent.

25. As a result of the defective and unsafe mechanical horse manufactured and distributed by Defendants, Vendomatic, Inc., and K-Mart, Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, has suffered ills and injuries as aforesaid, that have or may have disabled and prevented him from attending to his usual activities, and have in the past and may in the future impair his earning capacity and/or earning power, and have necessitated the incurring of expenses in and about endeavoring to treat and/or cure himself of the said injuries, any or all of which may continue, for which sums Plaintiff hereby makes claim.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Anthony Pero, a Minor by and through his parent and natural guardian, Margaret Pero demands judgment against the Defendants, K-Mart and Vendomatic, Inc, in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

COUNT IV

MARGARET PERO, INDIVIDUALLY V. DEFENDANTS, VENDOMATIC, INC. AND K-MART

- 26. Plaintiff herein incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 25 above as though the same were more fully set forth at length herein.
- 27. On May 17, 2001, Margaret Pero, parent and natural guardian of Anthony Pero, was, at all times, in the company of her son on the day in question at the K-Mart located at Bustleton Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, including all periods of time when Anthony Pero was riding the amusement rides in question.
- 28. Margaret Pero witnessed, first-hand, all the horrible, painful and shocking injuries suffered by her child as a result of the defective amusement rides, including all trauma associated thereafter.

29. Margaret Pero sustained injuries resulting from the distress of personally witnessing her son's injuries during the incident on the amusement rides at K-Mart, which were injuries to his right wrist (specifically, fractures of the distal portions of the radial and ulnar shafts of the right arm) and a severe shock to his nerves and nervous system, all of which are or may be serious and permanent.

30. Plaintiff, Margaret Pero suffered severe emotional shock when she experienced the sensory and contemporaneous observance of her son's aforementioned injuries.

31. Plaintiff, Margaret Pero incurred expenses necessary for the treatment and care of her son's injury.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Margaret Pero, Individually demands judgment against the Defendants, K-Mart and Vendomatic, Inc, in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Respectfully submitted,

REGER & RIZZO, LLP

Robert J. Reger, Esquire

Attorney for Plaintiffs, Anthony Pero, a minor by and through his parent and natural guardian, Margaret Pero and Margaret Pero, individually

VERIFICATION

I, MARGARET PERO, individually and as parent and natural guardian of ANTHONY PERO, make this Verification and state that the statements made in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

The undersigned understands that the statements therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: 2/19/02

Margaret Pero, individually and as parent and natural guardian of Anthony Pero

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March 6, 2002

Kmart Corporation c/o Trumbull Services P.O. Box 426 Windsor, CT 06095

RE: My Client: Anthony Pero, a minor by and through his parent and natural

guardian, Marge Pero

Date of Accident: May 17, 2001

K-Mart Store No.: 9393, Philadelphia, PA

Our File No.: 01-613

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have already filed our proof of claim with this office. However, I am sending this additional copy to you for the purposes of verifying, via certified mail, that you have received same.

I will be following up with your office in due time to make sure the original, which was previously sent, was filed. In the meantime, please keep this additional copy of our proof of claim will our original filing, sent via regular mail on March 5, 2002.

Thank you for your help.

Stuart T. O'Neal, III

Very truly yours,

FOR: REGER & RIZZO, LLP

T. O'Neal, II