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9. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope

Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach

Penally for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571

Date

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO.:

00-25593 CA08

LUCIA RIVERO and ERNESTO ORDAZ, her husband,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

K MART CORPORATION, a Michigan Corporation,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

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COMES NOW, the Plaintiffs, LUCIA RIVERO and ERNESTO ORDAZ, her husband, by and through their undersigned counsel and Sue Defendant, K MART CORPORATION, a Michigan Corporation, and alleges:

- 1. This is an action for damages exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) and within the Jurisdictional limits of this Honorable Court.
- 2. Plaintiff, LUCIA RIVERO, was and is a resident of Miami, Dade County, Florida and is otherwise sui juris.
- 3. Plaintiff, ERNESTO ORDAZ, was and is a resident of Miami, Dade County, Florida and is otherwise sui juris.
- 4. At all times material hereto, Defendant, K MART CORPORATION (Hereinafter "K MART") was a Corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Laws of Michigan with its principle place of business located at 3100 West Big Beaver Road, Troy,

Michigan.

5. At all times material hereto, Defendant, K MART, was authorized to and doing business in Miami, Dade County, Florida by operating a retail facility at or near the intersection of N.W. 37th Avenue and 7th Street, Miami, Dade County, Florida.

COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE AGAINST K MART

- 6. Plaintiffs reaver and reallege Paragraphs 1 through 5 as if fully set forth hereunder.
- 7. On or about January 17, 1998, Plaintiff, LUCIA RIVERO, visited Defendant's aforedescribed retail store for the purpose of purchasing merchandise and otherwise transacting business. As such, Plaintiff enjoyed the status of Business invitee while within the bounds of Defendant, K MART's premises.
- 8. At all times material hereto, Defendant, K MART, owed Plaintiff, LUCIA RIVERO, a duty to keep the aforedescribed premises in a reasonably safe condition so that persons entering, exiting or upon the premises would be reasonably safe from harm, danger and/or injury.
- 9. Defendant, K MART, breached its duty to Plaintiff, LUCIA RIVERO, in that Defendant, its agents, servants, employees and/or contractors, while acting within the course and scope of their respective authority, created or allowed to be created a dangerous condition on its premises, to wit: water or some other liquid on the floor within the store.
- 10. At all times material hereto, Defendant, K MART, negligently failed to warn Plaintiff, LUCIA RIVERO, that the above unsafe, hazardous, dangerous, and defective condition existed within its store. At said time and place, Defendant knew or, by the exercise of reasonable care, should have known, of the existence of said unsafe, hazardous, dangerous, and defective condition and failed to exercise reasonable care in correcting said condition.
 - 11. At all times material hereto, Defendant, K MART, knew or, by the exercise of

reasonable care, should have known that said condition constituted a latent defect and/or hidden trap and failed to warn Plaintiff, LUCIA RIVERO, of any unsafe, hazardous, dangerous and/or defective condition or, in the alternative, Defendant did allow said condition to exist for a sufficient length of time that a reasonable inquiry would have disclosed same to Defendant.

12. As a direct and proximate result of the aforedescribed negligence of Defendant, K MART, Plaintiff, LUCIA RIVERO, suffered bodily injury and resulting pain and suffering, disability, disfigurement, mental anguish, loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, expense of hospitalization, medical and nursing care and treatment, loss of earnings, loss of ability to earn money, and aggravation of a previously existing condition. The losses are either permanent or continuing and Plaintiff will suffer the losses in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LUCIA RIVERO, Demands Judgment against Defendant, K MART, inclusive of taxable costs, interest, and whatever other relief is permissible under the Laws of Florida. Plaintiff further Demands Jury Trial for all issues so triable by right.

COUNT II - LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

- 13. Plaintiffs reaver and reallege Paragraphs 1 through 5 and 7 through 12 as if fully set forth hereunder.
- 14. As a direct and proximate result of the aforedescribed negligence of Defendant, K MART, Plaintiff, ERNESTO ORDAZ, has lost the comfort, services, society, companionship and attentions of his wife, LUCIA RIVERO, in the past and in the future.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, ERNESTO ORDAZ, Demands Judgment against Defendant, K MART, inclusive of taxable costs, interest, and whatever other relief is permissible under the Laws of Florida. Plaintiffs further Demand Jury Trial for all issues so triable by right.

Respectfully Submitted this day of August, 2000.

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