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To : Office of the County Clerk



On Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> I was on my way to my home from my workplace in Oshkosh traveling west on South Park Avenue. As I approached the Hi-way 41 overpass I pulled up behind a Winnebago County dump truck and both the dump truck and I merged onto Hi-way 41 on the southbound ramp from South Park Avenue. As my vehicle and the dump truck accelerated and merged onto hi-way 41, a quantity of gravel came off the top of the dump truck's load and several pieces of gravel hit my windshield causing a loud crashing sound and two small cracks in my windshield. I immediately slowed down and then got into the left lane and passed the truck. There was no license plate on the vehicle but I noted on the driver's door the designation "Winnebago County" and the number "56".

This is where it gets interesting: After passing the dump truck I exited onto Hi-Way 26 and proceeded to my home which is located at 472 State Hi-Way 26 approximately 3 miles from 41. On the way home I noticed that there was a road crew working on High-way 26 near my driveway. A short time after arriving home I was still outside and happened to see a Winnebago county tractor with a grader blade come down the side of the Hi-Way and as it attempted to go around my mail box it hit my mail box completely knocking it over onto the ground. Before I could walk down to inspect the damage a county service truck pulled up and a county employee proceeded to check out the damage to my mail box and attempted to pick it up and reset it. I came down to the road to assist and as we tried to re-set the mail box I told him about what had just happened with the gravel and the dump truck. As it turned out the dump truck #56 was delivering gravel to this same work-site. The employee was very helpful and gave me directions as to who to call to report the accident.

In conclusion, although the mail box was bent and damaged we were able to reestablish my mail box to my satisfaction at this time. However, I am petitioning the county to compensate me for the repairs or replacement of my windshield. After making several calls I was directed to submit this petition to the County Clerk which I am now doing.

I contacted Auto Glass specialists at 1-800-800-2727 and received a quote to repair the two cracks via a resin application patch rather than replacing the windshield which would be much more expensive. The quote number I was given is: #835896 and the total estimate was \$162.67.

Sincerely,

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