

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

**In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,) Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S
TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION) MDL NO. 1373**
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO)
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ESTATE OF KAREN BRAAT, by and through)
its Personal Representative GUSTAV BRAAT,)
_____)
Plaintiff,) Case No. IP 01-5419-C-B/S
_____)
vs.)
_____)
FORD MOTOR COMPANY, et al.,)
_____)
Defendants.)

ENTRY REGARDING FIRESTONE’S DISCOVERY MOTIONS

This cause is before the magistrate judge on the Motion to Compel Depositions on Dates Certain and Motion to Compel Production of Tire and Rim for Inspection filed by defendant Bridgestone/Firestone North American Tire, LLC (“Firestone”). The plaintiff also has not filed a response to either of Firestone’s motions, and the time for doing so has expired. Accordingly, the magistrate judge, being duly advised, **GRANTS** Firestone’s motions. To the extent he has not done so already, the plaintiff shall, **within 7 days of the date of this Entry**, confer with Firestone and schedule the depositions of Henry Kurusz, M.D., Angie Harrison, LBSW, Robert A. Burt, Annette Burt McCormick, Oscar Cramer, and Mike Henderson. The depositions should be scheduled for the earliest mutually convenient dates, and in any event shall be completed by June 15, 2002. In addition, Firestone is entitled to conduct non-destructive inspection and testing of the subject tire and rim in this case at its facility in Akron, Ohio. **Within 10 days of the date of this Entry**, the plaintiff shall arrange to have the subject tire and rim shipped to Firestone. Firestone shall

return the tires and wheels to the plaintiff promptly upon completing its inspection and testing, and in no event later than 45 days after its receipt of the tires and wheels. Firestone shall not alter the condition of the tires or wheels in any way, and both parties are urged to thoroughly document the condition of the tires and wheels before relinquishing control of them.

ENTERED this _____ day of May 2002.

V. Sue Shields
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Indiana

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