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COUNTY OF SUMMIT OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS REACHES SETTLEMENT WITH HIGH POINT FURNITURE

County of Summit Office of Consumer Affairs announced today that the agency has entered into a Voluntary Assurance of Compliance/Discontinuance with High Point Furniture related to the abrupt closing of the business in late October 2007.

As part of the agreement, the company has already paid \$23,011.41 to the county for reimbursement to forty-three (43) consumers who have filed complaints with the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, the Akron Better Business Bureau, and Tallmadge Police for failure to deliver furniture that was purchased or return deposit money paid on lay-a-way agreements.

"We are satisfied with this agreement," said Consumer Affairs Director Cynthia Sich. "The goal of our investigation was to obtain refunds for consumers who had been harmed."

Under the terms of the settlement, High Point Furniture agrees to issue refunds to consumers who have purchased furniture and did not receive it or were paying on a lay-a-way agreement with High Point Furniture at the time of closing. Consumers will have until June 19, 2008, to file a written complaint with the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs to be eligible for a refund under this agreement. Consumers can call the office at (330) 643-2879 to have a complaint form mailed to them or they can download a complaint form from the office web site at www.co.summit.oh.us/conaffairs.htm.