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United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Office of Independence Inventor Programs  
Box 24  
Washington, D.C. 20231

I am writing this statement to file a complaint under the American Investors Protection Act of 1999. My complaint is as follows:

Complainant: Harrie L. Holmes  
(Bristles Plastic Brush Covers)  
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Complaint against: Invention Technologies Incorporated  
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Coral Gables, Florida 33134-5846

I hired Invent-Tech to get a patent and hopefully find a buyer for my paint brush covers. They were to register my covers with the Patent office, so we had something on record in case someone stole my idea. I saw Invent-tech advertising on satellite television (Direct-TV), so I called their 800 number and received information through the mail.

I paid Invent-Tech \$2000.00 on June 15, 2000, additional cashier's check for \$1000.00 was sent on July 28, 2000. Several months earlier I also sent a cashier's check for \$754.00 for the Patent search and Invention Research Portfolio. I have sent them a total of \$3754.00, with a balance of \$1950.00 that I still owe to them. In the portfolio Invent-Tech sent, they did not have any patents similar to mine.

Invent-Tech use to call me regularly. After they got the money they stopped calling, so I had to call them. I would call them over and over trying to reach someone. All I could get was an answering machine. I would leave messages and no one returned my calls.

I paid a patent attorney to do an additional search and he found several covers, which were very close to my mine.

Deborah Disnard (Representative for Invent-Tech) is the person that I dealt with directly. I was told that my brush covers were registered with the Patent office. But when I called the Patent office, I was told there was nothing registered in my name or Bristles Plastic Brush covers.

Please see attached documents , which will explain my claim in further detail.

Thank You,

Harrie Holman