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Raw deal or mistake? Widow vows to continue legal battle

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When Agnes Leasure talks about the three-bedroom mobile home she bought from a Farmington Hills dealer after her husband's death a couple of years ago, she gets tired.

Less than 90 days after the Canton Township resident settled into her new mobile home, she discovered that the 1981 model she bought for \$18,000 in cash, actually is a 1979 model that then retailed for \$12,900.

Leasure says she was misled and cheated of about \$4,000 when she bought the unit from Matt Rauker, owner of Little Valley Mobile Home

Sales on Eight Mile. The title and bill of sale both say she bought a 1981 Liberty mobile home, Leasure said, and she might never have known otherwise if the home hadn't immediately needed repairs. "They issued me a wrong title," said Leasure, who lives in the West Point Manor mobile home park on Old Michigan Avenue. "I don't understand why if this business (Little Valley) is ethical, would they let this happen to me."

Rauker, however, claims the fault lies solely with the Liberty mobile home manufacturers.

"WE'RE TRYING to get them to take care of it," Rauker said. "This is

the manufacturer's fault, definitely."

"We went by the invoice," Rauker said, adding that Liberty said the mobile home was a 1981 model. The only other way to determine a unit's model year is by the manufacturer's stamp on

the inside of the mobile home's utility closet.

And that's how Leasure discovered she had bought a 1979 model. Leasure says she stumbled across the manufac-

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Standing next to her trailer, Agnes Leasure hopes to someday settle the dispute over her much-needed home.

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Called Carrier Alert, the program will have letter carriers be alert to an accumulation of mail which might sig-

nify a sudden illness or accident. Through locally developed procedures, the accumulation of mail will be reported to the community agency for appropriate follow-up.

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