

## Disgruntled Car Buyer Wants Used Car Lemon Law Passed

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A North Carolina man armed with a sign and a Florida Citizens Petition asking for a state Used Car Lemon Law was situated on the corner of Morse Boulevard and Park Avenue in Winter Park this week. Colorado Spring Brook Field, who recently picketed a Sanford dealership that sold him a used car, was in Winter Park with a Florida Citizens Petition for a law regulating the sale of used cars. He said he has been quite successful in obtaining signatures for his petition. "I started only four nights ago and I have 300 signatures so far," said Spring Brook Field. His goal is 100,000 signatures which he



**Park Avenue Shoppers Sign Lemon Law Petition:** Seated is Colorado Spring Brook Field (holding petition), Elaine Taylor of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania signing the petition and Suzanne Kelsch, Winter Haven awaiting her turn. Photo by Carole Arthurs

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will then take to Tallahassee.

Spring Brook Field, who says he is homeless, living in his automobile, and looking for work, is a determined man. His personal gripe is that he purchased a "used car lemon" and despite talking, pleading, complaining, picketing, letter writing, and a myriad of other confrontations, he still owns the "lemon" and his complaints have gone unheard.

Spring Brook Field says he purchased a 1990 gray Camaro from Ken Rummel Chevrolet in Sanford, paying \$7,000 plus trade in of another vehicle and returned to North Carolina. He says he had problems with the Camaro and after taking it to a Greensboro dealer discovered that the car had been wrecked and repaired. He then returned to

Sanford and asked the dealer for a refund of \$8,807.50 which included the value of the car he traded, repairs he made on the Camaro and the cost of returning it to Florida. So far he has been unsuccessful despite the fact that he picketed Rummel's for several days.

"Florida does not have a Used Car Lemon Law and it needs one," says Spring Brook Field. He says he intends to donate his time until he gets a Used Car Lemon Law passed.

In 45 minutes on Park Avenue Spring Brook Field got seven signatures and many interested comments and questions. He said one lady stopped to tell about the car she purchased for her son which had no brakes. She too was unsuccessful in getting the dealer to do anything about it. Spring Brook Field says he hears numerous stories like this.

"I'm not quitting until I get results," said Spring Brook Field. He said the Winter Park Police

Department has not objected to his presence on Park Avenue.

Spring Brook Field says he is also compiling used car complaints. If any reader has a complaint that they wish to write about, they can address their complaint to: Colorado Spring Brook Field, General Delivery, Winter Park Post Office, New York Avenue, Winter Park, Fl. 32789.