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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS OVERNIGHT: 4307 2103 9332

Deanna Bishop
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P.O. Box 575
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Re: *Cory Hodge v. Connecticut Valley Arms,
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Dikar, S. Coop, LTDA,
and Gene Sears Supply Company*
Little River County Circuit Court

Dear Ms. Bishop:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter on behalf of Separate Defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., are the original and two copies of its Answer. Please return the extra file-marked copies in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Cordially yours,

WILLIAMS & ANDERSON LLP



Thomas G. Williams

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Enclosures

cc/w/encl.: W. David Carter, Esq.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

CORY HODGE

PLAINTIFF

VS.

NO. CIV-2000-27

CONNECTICUT VALLEY ARMS,
WAL-MART STORES, INC., DIKAR,
S. COOP, LTDA, and
GENE SEARS SUPPLY COMPANY

DEFENDANTS

ANSWER

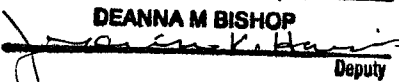
Separate defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart"), for its answer to plaintiff's complaint, states:

1. Wal-Mart is without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph I of plaintiff's complaint and, therefore, denies those allegations.

2. Wal-Mart admits that it is a Delaware Corporation with its principal place of business located in the state of Arkansas, and that its agent for service of process is Robert K. Rhodes. Wal-Mart is without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the remaining allegations contained in paragraph II of plaintiff's complaint and, therefore, denies those allegations.

3. Wal-Mart is without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph III of plaintiff's complaint and, therefore, denies those allegations.

4. Wal-Mart is without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph IV of plaintiff's complaint and, therefore, denies those

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allegations.

5. Wal-Mart is without sufficient information or knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph V of plaintiff's complaint and, therefore, denies those allegations.

6. Wal-Mart denies the allegations contained in paragraph VI of plaintiff's complaint.

7. Wal-Mart denies the allegations contained in paragraph VII of plaintiff's complaint.

8. Wal-Mart denies the allegations contained in paragraph VIII of plaintiff's complaint.

9. Wal-Mart denies the allegations contained in paragraph IX of plaintiff's complaint.

10. Wal-Mart denies the allegations contained in paragraph X of plaintiff's complaint.

11. Wal-Mart denies the allegations contained in paragraph XI of plaintiff's complaint.

12. Wal-Mart denies each and every allegation contained in plaintiff's complaint and not specifically admitted herein.

13. Wal-Mart specifically asserts that plaintiff's complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and should be dismissed with prejudice pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.

14. If any damages were sustained by plaintiff, they were caused by the fault or

negligence of plaintiff or some other person over whom Wal-Mart has no control.

15. Wal-Mart affirmatively asserts the defenses of contributory negligence, comparative fault and assumption of the risk.

16. Wal-Mart affirmatively asserts all defenses authorized by Arkansas Code Annotated and common law to each of the causes of action pleaded by plaintiff in plaintiff's complaint.

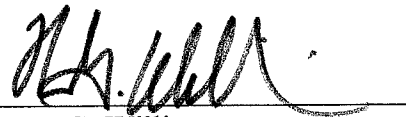
17. Wal-Mart specifically reserves the right to amend this answer and file other pleadings as appropriate.

18. Wal-Mart demands a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. prays that the Court enter judgment in favor of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. dismissing plaintiff's complaint with prejudice and awarding Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. its costs, attorney's fees and all other proper relief.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of June, 2000, a copy of the foregoing was served by United States mail, postage prepaid, upon plaintiff's counsel, W. David Carter, Esq., MERCY, CARTER & ELLIOTT, LLP, 1730 Galleria Oaks Drive, Texarkana, TX 75503.



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