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BAKERSFIELD: District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced today that her office has filed a [lawsuit](#) for unfair and deceptive business practices against Calmini Products, Inc., a Bakersfield-based seller and manufacturer of after-market auto parts. The lawsuit alleges that Calmini and its related entity, California Mini Truck, Incorporated, require upfront payments from customers, and then fail to deliver the ordered products or refund the customers' money.

"The unscrupulous business practices alleged in the complaint must stop," said Zimmer. "Wronged customers deserve restitution, and the defendants must be held accountable for their alleged wrongdoing."

In addition to Calmini and Cal Mini Truck, the complaint names as defendants Steven D. Kramer (the businesses' owner and chief executive officer) and Justin Michael Reed (an employee and sales manager of the businesses).

The lawsuit follows an investigation into the numerous complaints customers have made about Calmini to government agencies and the Better Business Bureau. The lawsuit states those customer complaints tell the same general story:

- The customer places an order with one of the businesses and pays in full upfront, usually several hundred dollars or more.
- After a few weeks pass without receiving the ordered product, the customer contacts the business to inquire about the status of the order. An employee tells the customer the product will be shipped soon.
- More time passes, and still no product. The customer calls the business again, and again is told the product will be delivered soon.

- After more time passes, the customer tells the business that he or she wants to cancel the order and have their money refunded. An employee tells the customer the money will be sent within a few days.
- A few days pass, and still no money. The customer calls to follow up, and is again told the money will be sent soon.
- The customer still does not receive the money, and then submits a complaint.

The Kern County District Attorney's Office encourages anyone who thinks that they may have been victimized by Calmini or Cal Mini Truck to contact Raelynn Aguayo, an investigator with the Kern County District Attorney's Office, at (661) 868-5855.

The lawsuit seeks injunctive relief, restitution, and civil penalties. The case is *The People of the State of California v. Calmini Products, Inc., et al.*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-19-101769.

[Read the complaint.](#)