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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Office of Independent Inventor Programs  
Box 24  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear U.S. Patent and Trademark Office,

I would like to put in a complaint about Concept Network and the patent agent Gene Scott. Concept Network has stolen \$11,940 from me. They lied to me and my family about their company. They presented themselves to be helping me get a patent on my idea. They went through the motions to keep us hanging so that our money was spent long before we could see red flags going up about the legitimacy of this company. Our money was never intended to be spent towards our project by Concept Network. It was spent just enough to make it look like they were sincerely doing something. They are only scam artists who stole our money.

Three individuals who work for Concept Network are the president of the company, Harry E. Scharf III, Robert Zarko, and Erin Frame. These people should be prosecuted and brought to justice for their scams before they take other people's money by their acts. Concept Network's address is Commercial Division, 1000 Brooktree Rd. Suite 310, Wexford, PA 150-9271.

Gene Scott from Patent Law & Venture Group should also be prosecuted for his dealings with Concept Network. This was supposed to be confidential and Gene Scott was given information to further scam us by Concept Network people. Gene is from 3151 Airway Ave., Suite K-105, Costa Mesa, CA 92626-4613.

I have been to the Office of the Attorney General in Concord, NH and the Lawyer Referral Service and have talked to William B. Ritchie. He said these scams should be stopped. He agrees that I have been totally scammed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Currier

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Invention Promoter's Name: Concept Network Telephone # (800) 421-0789

Invention Promoter's Address: Commercial Division, 1000 Brooktree Road, Suite 310

City Wexford State PA Zip Code 15090-9371

Complainant's Name: Gary Carrier Telephone # (603) 735-5775

Complainant's Address: P.O. Box 246

City Andover State NH Zip Code 03216

Customer's Name: Gary Carrier

#### WHAT IS YOUR COMPLAINT?

Please be as specific as possible. Specify the invention promotion services offered to be performed or performed, provide the name of the mass media in which the invention promoter advertised as providing such services, and explain the relationship between the customer and the invention promoter. If additional space is needed, the information may be provided on paper attached to this form.

explanation of complaint is attached

Signed: Gary Carrier Date: 4/16/01

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I thought of an idea around November, 1998. I heard of an advertisement about Concept Network and had their information sent to me. I checked Better Business Bureau and found no problems with this company. After I sent information to them, Robert Zarko contacted me to be my agent. I then paid \$590 for the first step on research to see if the idea was a legitimate idea. Bob did call back and said that things are real good and the idea has real potential to be patented and marketed without a whole lot of expense to build and make. Then I was sent information about promotions and shows they do to market these new ideas. I was sent a promotional agreement to pay \$11,350 for services. Bob called weekly to talk and tell me how his company was the best there was to do this type of work. I agreed and felt they would do the best job. I was then told that Erin Frame was my promotional coordinator and to contact her for updates on the progress of my idea. I called many times and for a year or more was told the patent attorney was working on it. June 1999, I signed a product description paper to say the design was all right with me to get something going. Then on September 25, 2000, the same drawing was sent to have me sign. I signed it with a note stating that I signed this same paper in June 1999. Since then I have left messages and sent messages and sent letters to contact me. My accountant suggested to sent a registered letter to Concept Network requesting names, dates and information on how much they have spent so far. Recently, I got a letter from the Patent Law and Venture Group in CA. My idea is supposed to be confidential and not let out to a group in CA.