IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

| PATRICIA LESCHKIES, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |))) No. 06 cv 1289 | |
| NEW ROGERS PONTIAC |) | |
| INCORPORATED, doing business |) Judge Kendall | |
| under the Assumed Name ROGERS |) | |
| AUTO GROUP, |) Magistrate: Judge Ashm | ıar |
| |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |

PLAINTIFF'S ANSWER TO DEFENDANT'S AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, Patricia Leschkies by her attorneys, Christopher Bargione and George B. Collins of Collins & Bargione, and for her Answer to Defendant New Rogers Pontiac Incorporated, doing business under the Assumed Name Rogers Auto Group's Affirmative Defenses, states as follows:

1. Defendant has a legitimate, non-discriminatory reason for its actions and therefore, Complaintant does not state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

ANSWER: Plaintiff denies the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of Defendant's Affirmative Defenses.

2. Plaintiff has failed to mitigate her damages, if any, by failing to search for and/or accept comparable employment positions.

ANSWER: Plaintiff denies the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of Defendant's Affirmative Defenses.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Court enter an Order dismissing with prejudice, Defendant's Affirmative Defenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Collins & Bargione

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