

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

KEY SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC. d/b/a JOYSON SAFETY SYSTEMS f/k/a BREED TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a foreign corporation; JOYSON SAFETY SYSTEMS ACQUISITION LLC, a foreign limited liability company,

Defendants/Appellants,¹

v.

MORGAN JOHNSON and AMY JOHNSON, individually and as the parents of ADRIANNA JOHNSON, a deceased minor; and the ESTATE of ADRIANA JOHNSON,

Plaintiffs/Appellees,

and

STELLANTIS N.V., f/k/a FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES N.V. d/b/a MOPAR, a foreign corporation.; FCA USA LLC, f/k/a CHRYSLER GROUP LLC and NEW CARCO ACQUISITION LLC, f/d/b/a MOPAR, a foreign limited liability company; FCA MEXICO LLC, a foreign limited liability company; RONAN CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM, a domestic corporation; DANHOF CHEVROLET, INC., a domestic corporation; JOHN DOES 1-6; and DOE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1-10,

Defendants.²

NOTICE OF APPEAL

On Appeal from the District Court of the Twentieth Judicial District of the State of Montana in and for Lake County
Cause No. DV-24-2021-104
The Honorable Judge Danni Coffman³

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joyson Safety Systems and Joyson Safety Systems Acquisitions, LLC, Appellants above-named and who are the Defendants in the action filed in the Montana Twentieth Judicial District, Lake County, Cause No. DV-21-104, hereby appeal to the Supreme Court of the State of Montana from the final Judgment entered in such action on the 22nd of January, 2026, as well as all prior orders and decisions of the Court leading to and subsumed within the Judgment.

Appellants further certify:


1. That this appeal **is** subject to the mediation process required by M.R.App.P. 7.
2. That this appeal **is** an appeal from an order certified as final under M.R.Civ.P. 54(b). A true copy of the District Court's Judgment is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. No notice to the Montana Attorney General is required under M.R.App.P. 27 because Appellants are not challenging the constitutionality of any act of the Montana Legislature.
4. That all available transcripts of the proceedings in this case have been ordered from the court reporter contemporaneously with the filing of this Notice of Appeal.

5. The filing fee prescribed by statute is included with this Notice of Appeal.

6. A copy of this Notice of Appeal has been filed with the Clerk of the District Court and served on all counsel of record.

Dated this 13th day of February 2026

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¹ Defendants Key Safety Restraint Systems, Inc., a foreign corporation, and Ningbo Joyson Electronic Corp. were included in the District Court caption but never served the Complaint in the district court action and so are not considered parties for purposes of this appeal.

² Defendants Stellantis N.V., f/k/a Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V. d/b/a Mopar, a foreign corporation, FCA USA, LLC, f/k/a Mopar, a foreign limited liability company, FCA Mexico, LLC, a foreign limited liability company, Ronan Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, a domestic corporation, Danhof Chevrolet, Inc., a domestic corporation, are defendants in the district court action. The only issue on appeal relates to personal jurisdiction of the Appellants and the order from the District Court does not affect or involve the abovenamed defendants. The Court may revise the caption to reflect the real parties in interest on appeal.

³ The Order being appealed was issued by Judge Coffman, who shortly after issuing the Final Judgment recused herself and assigned matter to the Honorable Molly Owen, District Judge of Department No. 1 of the Twentieth Judicial District Court.