

Customers tell court promises broken in dealings with store

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Ms Goodnough agreed.
 "And although Mr. Currie might have suggested a specific time period for the furniture to be delivered, he indicated it might take longer? Or was it a firm promise?"
 Again she confirmed the question, along with confirming it was a definite "gray area" regarding the delivery period.
 Ron Ryan testified Tuesday he visited the Village Pine Shoppe with his daughters on August 29, 1999 and dealt with Mr. Currie.
 Mr. Ryan said he picked out a TV entertainment piece, a book case and a buffet and paid the full amount of \$1,384 for the purchases by debit card.

"My intent was to put a deposit down but (the accused) said if I wanted to order the furniture I had to pay the full payment. I was okay with that," he said.

By November the furniture, with the exception of the buffet Mr. Ryan took home with him in August, hadn't been delivered.

"We were given an estimated time of three to four weeks for delivery (by the accused)," he said. "After the four-week period by wife was anxious to receive the furniture."

In November Mr. Ryan said he phoned Mr. Currie to say he wanted his money back if the furniture wasn't delivered in 10 days.

"He said he couldn't guarantee the 10-day period but said I could get a refund," Mr. Ryan testified.

Instead of a refund, Mr. Ryan subsequently agreed to take home replacement furniture from the store floor.

During cross examination, Mr. Bryant again raised the issue that nothing appeared on the invoice indicating when

the products would be delivered.
 Peter Solomon and his wife paid a visit to the Village Pine Shoppe November 13, 1999 to shop for bedroom furniture, court heard.

"We picked out a set of drawers with a mirror, a bed, two night stands and an armoire," he testified Tuesday.

"We spoke with Mr. Currie and we agreed to have (the furniture) delivered to the house."

The Solomon's paid the full amount of \$2,702 because by paying in full, Mr. Currie guaranteed the delivery would be before Christmas, he testified.

But Christmas came and went and the furniture never arrived, Mr. Solomon said.

"In the weeks that followed Christmas, I tried to contact Mr. Currie to see where the furniture was," he testified.

"At first I was told it wasn't ready or it was on its way to the manufacturer. On four or five other occasions I was given other reasons why it hasn't arrived, such as the manufacturer was ill, there was a delay in processing the order from the shop to the manufacturer and the manufacturer was building the furniture in a batch and it wasn't ready."

Mr. Solomon said he spoke with Mr. Currie on February 9, 2000 and told him he wanted his money back. "He told me to get in line. I took that to mean I wasn't the only one looking for my furniture."

Mr. Solomon was reimbursed of his funds by American Express.

Alan Broadbent and his wife ordered a pine hutch from the shop February 20, 1999 and agreed with Mr. Currie to have it delivered to their home.

"We put \$600 down as a deposit," he told court Wednesday. "Mr. Currie said he would have it delivered to us within three

to four weeks. We thought that was reasonable and accepted."

Mr. Broadbent said after the four-week period was up he phoned Mr. Currie to inquire about the furniture.

"He said it wasn't ready and this carried on until the beginning of May."

When Mr. Broadbent spoke with Mr. Currie in May, Mr. Currie gave him an order number and said the hutch would be on the next delivery, which it wasn't, Mr. Broadbent said.

"Mr. Currie promised to refund my money within the next several days and he never did. He said he was changing banks and the debit wouldn't work."

To this day, Mr. Broadbent said he hasn't seen a penny of his money or the hutch.

The trial will continue September 24 in Burlington court.

Mr. Currie remains in custody.

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