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## CLASSIC MOTOR CARRIAGES SUES TWO OF ITS CRITICS

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**Classic Motor Carriages**, a Miami kit-car manufacturer, claimed Monday that two of its harshest critics stole the firm's customer list as part of a conspiracy to put the company out of business.

In a lawsuit filed Monday in federal court in Miami, **Classic** named Stuart Rado, a Miami Beach consumer advocate; Kurt Scott, a specialty car magazine publisher; and the North Dakota Attorney General's office.

The lawsuit alleges Rado and Scott are conspiring to put the company out of business. **Classic** says the customer list - which Rado said he obtained from the North Dakota agency -- is essential to its operation and should never have been released to the public.

Rado has sent more than 3,500 letters to **Classic** customers informing them of a lawsuit filed against the firm. The mailing also included steps to file a complaint and an editorial written by Scott against the company.

In July, the Office of the Attorney General sued **Classic** for deceptive business practices after some consumers complained the car kits they purchased were defective or incomplete.

"Nothing that **Classic** does would surprise me. But to accuse me of theft is beyond the bounds of good taste," said Rado, who has never purchased one of **Classic**'s kits.

This is not the first Rado-**Classic** clash.

Last month, **Classic** sued Rado in Dade Circuit Court alleging he is using "malicious" and "false" statements to defame the company and is interfering with its customer relationships. The suit seeks an injunction and damages.

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