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I put a deposit down and paid in full for a puppy to be delivered from Manassas, Virginia from puppy breeder Elise Mafo, it was an adorable 11 week old puppy, see photo. She is a licensed breeder living in Manassas, Virginia. The initial Agreement was a \$100 HOLD, then the breeders husband changed his mind and it became a \$300 deposit. The initial \$100 was paid through PayPal. I wanted to pay the additional \$200 by PayPal so I could have a paper trail considering this is/was an Interstate transaction, however breeders husband insisted that I pay the additional \$200 via a Vanilla Visa Gift Card, so I did. The breeder was delivering 7 puppies on last Sunday, July 31st personally because she wanted to personally meet me and my existing dogs to make certain she felt comfortable with the puppy adoption. I knew she would be arriving quite late so I offered her an overnight stay free of charge in my home so she could rest up to return to Virginia in the morning or the following day. I even offered her a \$100 bonus cash to help her with fuel costs. The remaining balance of \$300 was to be paid UPON DELIVERY HOWEVER.....once again the breeder's husband Demanded that I pay the balance before delivery and he was ORDERING his wife to turn her vehicle around and NOT deliver the puppy to me if I didn't pay the balance immediately. The breeder, Elise Mafo begged me to pay the balance, so like a fool I did once again via a \$300 Vanilla Visa Gift Card. I held back the security code of the Gift Card as my insurance that I would be receiving the puppy very late on last Sunday evening, then I would provide the security code for the Gift Card. That wasn't good enough for the Breeder's husband and he demanded the security code or he was ORDERING his wife to immediately turn her vehicle around and return asap to Virginia. The breeder, Elise Mafo, begged me to provide her with the security code so she could placate her irate husband, so I did. The last communication I had from the breeder Elise was that

she was driving north on Rt. 57 and at 10 p.m. she was in Benton, IL. I asked Elise to check in with me every two hours so I knew that she was safe. Elise missed her midnight check in and I became concerned. The next communication was from Elise's sister Susan in Ohio indicating that Elise was involved in an accident (the sister NEVER told me where this happened) and Elise suffered a broken leg and a broken arm, and the puppy died in the accident and the Sister Susan picked up Elise and brought her to a hospital back in Ohio. WHAT? This made NO logical sense to me at all! WHY would her sister fetch here from a car accident in the State of Illinois (IF indeed there was a car accident) and check her in to a hospital in Ohio with serious injuries? My good friend who is a Fireman/ Paramedic informed me that victims of a serious car accident are routinely transported to the nearest hospital via an ambulance. Now it was sounding fishy.....here's what I believe happened. I believe that Elise's husband ORDERED his wife NOT to deliver this puppy to me for whatever reason, and she was in her way back to Virginia to comply with her husband's wishes even though the puppy was fully paid for. I checked with the hospital that Elise's sister indicated that she was admitted to and the hospital in Ohio had NO record of this woman, Elise Mafo, as ever been admitted. I believe now that this was all a scam! I never received the fully paid for mini-doxie puppy, and since Monday have been asking for a refund. I don't even know IF there ever WAS a puppy. All I know for sure is that the Breeder's husband changed the terms of our verbal Agreement at the last minute twice. When I emailed him asking for a refund he had the nerve to tell me that I needed to send him an additional \$300 to help with his wife's hospital bill! WHAT??? I could not even verify that there was an accident, where the accident occurred OR the hospital in Ohio that supposedly she was treated in OR IF there ever a real puppy! Apparently the breeder is a licensed breeder in the State of Virginia, she sent

me a text photocopy of her license. I checked two of her references, her former supervisor at a rescue in the State of Missouri, and an individual who recently adopted one of her puppies in the State of Kentucky. Both gave me glowing references and indicated that Elise Mafo was a legitimate puppy rescuer/adopter. But I still do not have a mini-doxie puppy and I am out \$600. I am writing all of this in the hopes that **NO ONE EVER DOES A BUSINESS TRANSACTION EVER AGAIN WITH Elise Mafo**, because clearly both her and her husband are not telling me the truth and/or scamming me....and I wouldn't want this to happen to anyone else!