

A Reader Asks

I took my father-in-law's tractor to an advertised sale and received a number. I also put a reserved bid on it.

My husband and I went to the day of the sale to see it auctioned off.

The tractor wasn't in the lineup. I finally found it next to the house and went into the office to see what was going on. I found out one of the employees had bought it on the reserved bid without my permission. The tractor never made it through the auction. I was upset it was handled in a dishonest way.

I confronted the auctioneer. He seemed to think it wasn't right also, until he found out his employee paid for it through the office. Then he said it was

done legal.

I was disappointed that it was done in a lowdown, sneaky way.

Upset Auction-Goer

We think this was unethical and so does Jay Ziegler and Harry Bachman, renowned auctioneers who are also executive members of the Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association.

Ziegler said that selling on the reserve bid eliminated your chance to obtain a higher price for the tractor. Pennsylvania auctioneers must uphold a code of ethics.

You can file a complaint with the auctioneer board of the PAA by calling (800) 577-6801.

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