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Your Dealership Vehicle Negotiation Plan

1. Executive Assessment & Profit Channel Analysis

Leverage Position: HIGH. While the vehicle has a clean CARFAX, our forensic review of your test drive notes reveals significant maintenance deficits (worn tires, sluggish battery, and a stumble in SI-Drive) and a lack of verification for the critical 30,000-mile major service. Furthermore, this is a "Dealer CPO" at a non-Subaru franchise, which lacks the value and rigorous standards of a Manufacturer-Backed Subaru CPO program.

Dealer Profit Strategy Detected: Condition Masking & Fee Recapture. The dealer is attempting to sell the vehicle at a retail "Good Value" price (\$27,873) while deferring approximately \$1,800 in necessary reconditioning (tires, battery, and 30k service). We expect high documentation fees common to the Gilbert, AZ market to further pad their margin.

Budget Reality Check: Aggressive. Your Max OTD Budget of \$26,500 is roughly \$1,373 below the current *selling price* before taxes and fees are even applied. In Arizona, with ~8% sales tax and uncapped doc fees, a \$26,500 OTD requires a selling price of approximately \$24,000. This is a steep 14% discount, but justifiable given the mechanical findings.

2. Document Intelligence & Forensic Recovery Plan

Total Potential Recovery: \$2,350

Based on our forensic breakdown of your uploaded test plan and market data for zip code 85297, we identified the following:

- **Doc Fee Audit:** Arizona has no legal cap on doc fees. Bill Luke Santan typically charges between \$499 and \$699. We will target a \$500 offset in the vehicle price to neutralize this.
- **Shadow Fee Detection:** Watch for "Desert Protection" or "Bill Luke Advantage" packages (tint, nitrogen, door guards) often pre-installed but not in the advertised price. **REMOVE.**
- **Junk Fees:** Any "Electronic Filing Fee" exceeding \$50 or "VIN Etch" must be marked as **REMOVE.**

- **Maintenance Recovery:** \$800 (New Tires) + \$250 (Battery) + \$800 (30k Service/Throttle Body Cleaning) = \$1,850 in deferred value.

3. Conditional Pricing & Vehicle Risk Flags

- **The "Dealer CPO" Trap:** This vehicle is listed as CPO, but Bill Luke Santan is not a Subaru dealer. This is a third-party warranty, not a Subaru Factory CPO. It does not carry the same resale value or coverage.
- **Mechanical Flag:** The "sluggish crank" and "SI-Drive stumble" noted in your inspection suggest an undersized battery and a dirty throttle body—common but cost-intensive fixes at this mileage.
- **EyeSight Calibration:** CARFAX shows a windshield replacement in April 2026. If non-OEM glass was used, the EyeSight system may fail in high-glare conditions despite the "calibration" record.

4. Market Position Analysis

The base selling price of \$27,873 is **Market Priced** for a retail unit, but **Overpriced** for a unit requiring immediate tires and a major 30k service. Comparable units in the Phoenix metro area with verified service history are selling for similar prices; therefore, this specific VIN is currently a "maintenance-deferred" liability.

5. Negotiation Execution Plan

Preferred Method: Email

Step 1: The Document Rebuttal

"We appreciate the test drive. However, our inspection revealed several immediate maintenance requirements that aren't reflected in the current price. The tires are at the wear bars, the battery is failing (sluggish crank), and the vehicle stumbled during SI-Drive transitions. Furthermore, since the 30,000-mile major service (differential fluids/brake flush) cannot be verified, we have to assume it hasn't been done. We are prepared to move forward, but the price must reflect these \$1,800+ in immediate service needs."

Step 2: The Price Anchor (OTD Focus)

"Based on the required reconditioning and the fact that this is a dealer-certified unit rather than a Subaru Factory CPO, our offer is \$26,500 Out-The-Door, inclusive of all taxes and your dealership fees. This is a firm, data-backed offer based on current market reconditioning costs for the Forester Sport at this mileage interval."

Step 3: The Trade-In Play

"We have a 2023 Nissan Leaf S in excellent condition with 11,000 miles. We have a standing valuation of \$13,000. If you can match that valuation and honor our \$26,500 OTD price on the Forester, we can sign the buyer's order today. We will not allow the trade-in equity to subsidize the vehicle's price; these are two separate transactions."

6. The F&I Office Defense

Since you are using dealer financing, watch for "Rate Markup." Subaru's current used rates are competitive; if they quote you above 7.9% with good credit, they are likely padding the APR. Demand to see the "Buy Rate" from the lender. Verify that no "Maintenance Plans" or "Gap Insurance" have been added to the final contract without your express consent.

7. Mandatory Equity Audit: The "Underwater" Check

Risk Assessment: You are trading in a 2023 Nissan Leaf, a vehicle category (EV) currently experiencing 30-40% year-over-year depreciation. Combined with only \$2,000 cash down on the Forester, you are at extreme risk of being 'underwater' immediately.

Action Required: Use our [Underwater Calculator](#) to visualize your equity curve. If the red line (loan) stays above the blue line (value) for more than 12 months, this deal must be restructured.

8. Deal Strategy Outcomes

- **Ideal:** \$26,500 OTD with the dealer performing the 30k service and replacing the battery prior to delivery.
- **Acceptable:** \$27,200 OTD, provided the dealer provides a written "We-Owe" for new tires or a significant price concession.
- **Exit:** Walk away if the dealer refuses to acknowledge the maintenance deficit or insists on "Add-on" packages that push the OTD above \$28,500.

9. Target Out-The-Door (OTD) Offer Range

**Includes verified state caps and standard dealer fees for zip code 85297. Do NOT leave placeholders.*

- **Opening Offer:** \$25,800
- **Likely Dealer Counter:** \$28,200
- **Realistic Purchase Range:** \$26,500 to \$27,400

- **Absolute Walk-Away Price: \$27,401**

10. Final Forensic Advice

Do not let the "Sport" trim aesthetics distract you from the mechanical reality. A Subaru with worn tires and a stumbling idle at 33k miles is a vehicle that was likely "leased and ignored." Use the \$1,800 maintenance gap as your primary weapon. If they won't budge on price, make them do the work in their service department before you sign.

Recommended Reading: Before starting your negotiations, please review our guide on [12 Common Dealer Negotiation Tactics](#).

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