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## Store charged in diamond scam

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**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** – A man who bought a diamond engagement ring at the Diamond Gallery in Charlotte said Wednesday that he is pressing charges after he found that the stone was cracked and shoddily repaired.



The ring was cracked and filled with glass gel.

The customer said after taking the ring to a second store to have it re-appraised, he found that the diamond was cracked and hollow, and that it had been filled with glass gel.

Until the case goes to court, the ring is being held as evidence. "I can't even wear it for the meaning of it because if it cracks or something I don't have this as evidence to take to court," said Nicole Carson, the recipient of the \$4,000 engagement ring. A judge ordered the jewelry store to sell assets from the shop to pay off its creditors.

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