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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A \$90,000 default judgment was entered against a Wichita contractor after he failed to respond to a consumer protection lawsuit brought by the Sedgwick County District Attorney.

The District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division brought the suit against Gabriel Paine and his company GP Solutions, LLC, in response to a consumer complaint. The lawsuit alleged unconscionable and deceptive acts and practices involving a large residential landscaping project, based on findings by the District Attorney's Investigations Division.

The work involved improvements to a residential property, including installation of drain tile to prevent flooding, concrete work, removal of a tree, installation of a fence, sodding and a new sprinkler system. The consumer paid \$26,150.00 for the work, which was not completed. The consumer obtained an estimate from another contractor to complete the work at a cost of \$10,000.

The lawsuit alleged Paine and his company were not properly licensed for the work, did not provide the consumer with the statutory "Three Day Right to Cancel" notice, provided no material benefit after being paid, and did not obtain the required permits for the job. The judgment against Paine and GP Solutions, LLC was signed by Judge Warren Wilbert and filed Wednesday, October 11, 2017. It enjoins Paine and his company from engaging in deceptive and/or unconscionable practices. In addition to restitution, the judgment included fines for each violation which were doubled due to the ages of the victims.

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