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WICHITA, KAN. – A former Goddard contractor has reimbursed his former customers more than \$48,000 following his multiple convictions in Sedgwick County District Court.

Jeff Vap delivered a check to the Sedgwick County District Attorney on Thursday in the amount of \$48,795.20. The money was immediately deposited with the Clerk of the District Court, who will disburse the money to seven different victims of Vap's contracting business. In all, Vap has reimbursed his former customers about \$65,000, including some cases the District Attorney agreed not to charge in return for full restitution.

Criminal prosecutions by the District Attorney of individuals involved in fraudulent business transactions have resulted in \$186,789.06 in refunds and up-front restitution to victims in 2014. That total includes the money paid back to customers by Vap.

October 6, 2014

WICHITA, KAN. – Jeff Vap, a former Goddard construction contractor, was ordered to pay \$26,000 in restitution Friday to three former customers who claimed Vap took their money but did little or no work on their construction projects in Sedgwick County.

Vap, who sometimes operated as Quality Construction and Remodeling, was ordered to pay the money during his sentencing hearing Friday in Sedgwick County for three felony counts of theft by deception that occurred last year. The projects included a rural homeowner who contracted for a shed to be built, a Wichita church that contracted for an addition to be built, and a Goddard restaurant that hired Vap for a remodel project.

In a separate case from 2011, Vap was convicted of four additional counts of felony theft by deception for construction jobs that he never started or never finished in and around Wichita in 2011. Those projects included landscaping, roofing and remodeling work. Vap still owes more than \$23,000 restitution in those cases.

District Judge Ben Burgess placed Vap on 36 months of probation but ordered he serve 30 days in jail. Vap will serve the jail sentence later this month. As part of his sentence, Vap is prohibited from doing any type of contracting work.

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