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WICHITA, KAN. – A local building contractor was assessed \$16,000.00 in penalties and ordered to refund his former customers \$6,250.00 following a civil bench trial in Sedgwick County District Court.

The suit was brought by the District Attorney through his Consumer Protection Division against Aubrey Collins, who operated under the name A-Collins Construction. The work performed by the contractor involved roofing repairs on a residential property. The substandard roof had to be replaced by another contractor.

The District Attorney filed suit against Collins for violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA). The trial was held on May 1, 2018, before District Court Judge William Woolley who signed the Journal Entry Thursday, making the order final. The District Attorney's Office alleged Collins engaged in false advertising, being an unlicensed contractor, not pulling permits, and failing to provide "Notices of Cancellation" (commonly referred to as a 3-day-right to cancel).

The District Attorney reminds residents that contractors for many residential projects are required to be qualified and licensed, in their own name, by the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD). Work may also require permits. Anyone engaging in door-to-door sales or offering their services outside of their place of business is required to provide customers specific oral and duplicate written notices that they can cancel their contract within 3 days. The requirements are located in K.S.A. 50-640. Some trades have additional duties. For example, roofers are required to register with the Attorney General's Office.

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