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WICHITA, KAN. – An owner of a car dealership has entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney based on allegations he failed to disclose safety recalls and attempted to disclaim implied warranties.

The agreement between Thomas Bland II, owner of Quality Automotive Group LLC, at 3933 S. Broadway, and the District Attorney's Office calls for him to pay \$16,035.68 in civil penalties, restitution, court costs, and fees. The agreement also requires Mr. Bland to check all his vehicles for recalls, fully disclose any recalls before selling the cars to consumers and provide proper written Buyers Guides as required by law. The District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division alleged Mr. Bland failed to disclose three safety recalls and was distributing an improper Buyers Guide. Thomas Bland II admitted the allegations.

The District Attorney reminds residents that safety recalls affect millions of cars and residents should inquire whether a vehicle is subject to a recall before purchase. Residents can check their cars, trucks, and motorcycles for recalls at <https://www.safercar.gov/vin>. Recalls are covered by the manufacturer and the repairs are free. Buyers Guides, known as the Used Car Rule, are required to be placed on used vehicles being sold by vehicle dealers. Buyers Guides give consumers important purchasing and warranty information.

The case was investigated by the Investigations Division of the District Attorney's Office and the consent judgment was approved May 31, 2018, by Judge Jeffrey Syrios

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