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WICHITA, KAN. – A \$526,802 summary judgment was entered against two brothers, Obada Alashqar and Abdallah Alashqar, and the now defunct car dealership, Adams Auto Sales & Repair, LLC which they ran.

Following consumer complaints and an investigation early last year, the District Attorney filed a lawsuit against the brothers and the dealership at 220 E. Kellogg. During the lawsuit several additional complaints were received and ultimately the District Attorney alleged over 40 violations including, failing to disclose safety recalls, failing to provide certificates of title (i.e. car titles), taking customer trade-in vehicles without paying for them, selling vehicles “as is”, and not having appropriate licensure. The conduct affected dozens of consumers.

After both defendants failed to participate in the lawsuit, and failed to appear in court on September 6, 2018, the Court granted the District Attorney’s request for summary judgment. The judgment, ordered by Judge Jeffrey Goering and filed September 17, 2018, calls for the defendants to pay restitution, to over 40 consumers for a total of more than \$45,000; civil penalties for the 48 violations for a total of \$480,000; and other costs and fees.

The District Attorney reminds residents that:

- Safety recalls affect millions of cars and residents should inquire before buying a vehicle if the vehicle is subject to a recall. Residents can check their cars, trucks, and motor cycles for recalls at <https://www.safercar.gov/vin>. Recalls are free and repairs are covered by the manufacturer.
- Customers should receive certificates of title within 60 days of vehicle purchase, otherwise the transaction may be void and customers are entitled to a full refund.
- Auto Dealers cannot sell cars “As Is” in Kansas and material defects must be disclosed.
- Auto Dealers need to be licensed with the Kansas Department of Revenue.

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