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WICHITA, KAN. – The 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, attempted to disclaim implied warranties, failed to disclose material facts about the car and the transaction, and used an unlicensed salesperson.

The agreement between Jorge Rodriguez, owner of Rodriguez Auto Sales, at 2859 S. Broadway, and the District Attorney's Office calls for him to pay \$17,500.00 in civil penalties, restitution, court costs, and fees. The agreement also requires him to check all his vehicles for recalls and fully disclose the recalls before selling the cars to consumers. The agreement also requires Rodriguez to provide and display Buyers Guides, to disclose in any advertising, including social media, that the car is being sold by a dealership not a private individual, and use only licensed salespersons.

Jorge Rodriguez admitted the allegations.

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 motorcycles for recalls at <https://www.safercar.gov/vin>. Recalls are covered by the manufacturer and repairs are free. Buyers Guides are required to be placed on used vehicles being sold by vehicle dealers. This is known as the Used Car Rule. Buyers Guides give consumers important purchasing and warranty information.

The consent judgment was approved October 9, 2018, by Judge Jeffrey Goering. The case was investigated by Kristen Zluticky of the District Attorney's Investigations Division. The matter against the alleged salesperson is still pending litigation.

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