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WICHITA, KAN. – A \$98,467.68 default judgment was entered against a construction contractor by District Court Judge Deborah Hernandez-Mitchell for engaging in deceptive and unconscionable acts. The matter was brought by the Office of the District Attorney’s Consumer Protection Division.

The Court found that Christopher Goodman d/b/a Custom Carpentry was not properly licensed, failed to pull permits, and failed to complete work or provide materials he was paid for. The Court found those failures to be deceptive and/or unconscionable under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA). As part of the ruling the Court ordered Goodman to pay the homeowner \$18,120.13, pay 80,000.00 in civil penalties, and also to pay for court costs and fees. The investigation was conducted by the Consumer Protection Division after receiving a complaint from the homeowner.

The District Attorney reminds residents that contractors for many residential projects are required to be qualified and licensed by the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD). Work may also require permits, inspections and certificates of occupancy to ensure the work is safe and up to code. Some trades have additional duties; for example, roofers are required to register with the Attorney General’s Office. Anyone conducting “door-to-door” sales must provide residents with a three (3) day right to cancel which is available at K.S.A. 50-640.

The judgment was signed August 16, 2019 by Judge Hernandez-Mitchell. The case was investigated by Kristen Zluticky of the District Attorney’s Office.

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