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WICHITA, KAN. – A foundation repair company and its owner have entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney. The District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division investigated Spartan Installation and Repair, LLC (d/b/a Ram Jack Foundation and Repair & Waterproofing), 5817 N. Broadway, after receiving a consumer complaint.

After inquiring with the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD), the District Attorney's Office alleged Ram Jack did not have a "qualified master", did not have proper licensure, did not provide an engineering report(s), did not pull permits, and/or did not call for inspection on roughly a dozen jobs over a nearly 12 month period. (A "qualified master" has authority of all technical work performed under the authority of the licensed contractor's enterprise, as set forth by Sec. 5.1.250 et seq. of the Wichita/Sedgwick County Unified Building & Trade Code.)

Ram Jack, and owner Andrew Vleisides of Overland Park agreed to obtain engineering reports, pull permits, and submit the dozen or so jobs for approval with MABCD. They also agreed to make any necessary repairs or provide those consumers with refunds. The consent judgment also called for Ram Jack/Andrew Vleisides to pay \$15,000 in civil penalties in addition to other costs and expenses. The consent judgment also calls for an injunction from engaging in deceptive or unconscionable acts and cooperation with any future complaints. The defendants entered the consent decree without admitting guilt.

The District Attorney reminds residents that contractors for many residential projects are required to be qualified and licensed by MABCD. Work may also require permits, inspections and certificates of occupancy to insure 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 consent judgment was filed December 27, 2019 and signed by Judge Hernandez-Mitchell. The case was investigated by Scott Kelley of the District Attorney's Office.

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