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**WICHITA, KAN.** – An owner of a used car dealership has entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney. The District Attorney’s Consumer Protection Division investigated Kansas Auto Group located at 921 S. Broadway in Wichita after receiving two consumer complaints.

Dallas Colgrove, owner of Kansas Auto Group, admitted he sold both cars with pre-existing defects, one of them being “engine sludge”, and then refused to pay for repairs or provide a refund. Colgrove agreed to purchase a replacement engine for one consumer and pay \$2,600 in restitution to the other. Colgrove also agreed to a \$10,000.00 civil penalty along with the necessary court costs and investigative fees.

The consent judgment also calls for an injunction from engaging in deceptive or unconscionable acts and cooperation with any future complaints.

The District Attorney reminds residents that dealerships selling cars for normal (“merchantable”) use must be in a reasonably safe condition, substantially free of defects that could render them inoperable, and they must perform up to the level reasonably expected of cars of the same age, mileage, and price. The District Attorney also reminds residents to regularly check for safety recalls at <https://www.safercar.gov/vin> and especially before purchasing a vehicle.

The consent judgment was signed by Judge Deborah Hernandez Mitchell and filed March 4, 2020.

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