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WICHITA, KAN. – The 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 Budget Used Cars, located at 2616 S. Oliver in Wichita, after receiving a complaint from a consumer.

The District Attorney's Office investigated the matter and Budget's owner/operator Michael Battles Sr. admitted that certificates of title were not provided to four different consumers. The District Attorney's Office was able facilitate getting titles for those consumers so they could properly tag and insure the vehicles. Mr. Battles compensated a consumer and also agreed to a \$10,000 civil penalty plus additional 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 customers should receive certificates of title within 60 days of vehicle purchase, otherwise the transaction may be void and customers would be entitled to a full refund. The District Attorney also reminds residents to regularly check for safety recalls at <https://www.safercar.gov/vin>, and especially before purchasing an automobile.

The consent judgment was signed by Judge Goering and filed May 26, 2020.

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