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18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Kansas



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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A \$38,198.29 default judgment was entered against a construction contractor for engaging in deceptive and unconscionable acts. The matter was brought by the Office of the District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division.

The District Attorney alleged that Joey Bishop 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 Bishop to pay the homeowner \$7,988.23, pay \$30,000.00 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 Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (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 default judgment was filed June 3, 2020, signed by Judge Eric Commer. The case was investigated by Kristen Zluticky of the District Attorney's Office.

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