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WICHITA, KAN. – A \$8,257.55 default judgment was entered against a Wichita construction contractor. The case was brought by the District Attorney through the Consumer Protection Division.

The Court found that Christopher Goodman d/b/a Custom Carpentry failed to complete work he was paid for by two homeowners. 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 homeowners \$6,028.00, \$2,000.00 in civil penalties, and also court costs and fees. The investigation began after a complaint was received from a homeowner. The court previously entered a \$98,467.68 default judgment against Goodman on August 16, 2019 for prior violations of the KCPA.

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 signed June 8, 2020, by Judge Deborah Hernandez-Mitchell. The case was investigated by Kristen Zluticky of the District Attorney's Office.

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