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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A contractor has entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney for violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (“KCPA”) based on allegations he contracted to replace a roof without being properly licensed and failed to provide the consumer “Notices of Cancelation” (commonly referred to as a 3 day right to cancel).

The agreement between Jared Schultz, doing business under the name Son Scapes, and the District Attorney’s Office called for Schultz to pay \$20,000.00 in civil penalties, investigative expenses, and court costs. Prior to entry of the agreement, Schultz provided a full refund of \$7,948.44 to the consumer. As part of the agreement, Schultz promised to become properly licensed before engaging in future contracting business. Schultz previously entered a consent judgment in 2017 for similar KCPA violations. Schultz satisfied that judgment in 2018.

The consent judgment also calls for an injunction from engaging in deceptive or unconscionable acts and cooperation with any future complaints while on an 18 month probationary period.

The District Attorney reminds residents that contractors for many residential projects are required to be qualified and licensed, in their own name, by the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD). Work may also require permits. Anyone engaging in door-to-door sales or offering their services outside of their place of business is required to provide customers specific oral and duplicate written notices that they can cancel their contract within 3 days. The requirements are located in K.S.A. 50-640. Some trades have additional duties, for example, roofers are required to register with the Attorney General’s Office.

The case was investigated by Kristen Zluticky of the District Attorney’s Office and the consent judgment was approved October 21, 2020, by Judge Faith Maughan.

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