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WICHITA, KAN. – A \$119,197.00 default judgment was entered against a local moving company and its president by District Court Judge Eric Commer for engaging in deceptive and unconscionable acts. The matter was brought by the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the District Attorney.

The Consumer Protection Division alleged that GAMOICT, INC. doing business as Get a Move On, and its president, Eric Kimler, moved a consumer from Kansas to Georgia when the business was not authorized for the interstate transport of household goods. The consumer filed a complaint with the District Attorney's Office alleging he failed to receive some items and other items were delivered damaged by Get a Move On.

The Consumer Protection Division investigated the complaint and alleged the defendants also failed to provide the consumer with the proper documents necessary for the move, attempted to charge the consumer additional costs to file an insurance claim for the damages, falsely advertised on its website that it was authorized to make interstate moves, and had an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau.

The Court found those actions to be deceptive and/or unconscionable under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA). As part of the ruling the Court ordered the defendants to pay the consumer \$38,000.00 in restitution, pay \$80,000.00 in civil penalties, as well as court costs and investigation expenses.

The District Attorney reminds residents, consumers looking for moving services should research the mover prior to agreeing to hire them. Movers are required to give you an estimate in writing. Federal regulations also apply to moving companies that transport household goods from one state to another. Consumers should consider insuring items for any move. Be sure to research all insurance options, including third party insurance, so that you can select a plan that best protects your possessions.

If you are looking to move from one state to another the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration offers resources to help protect consumers. Visit <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move> for more details.

The default judgment was filed June 8, 2021, signed by Judge Eric Commer.

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