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WICHITA, KAN. – A \$165,790.12 default judgment was entered against a Wichita construction contractor for engaging in deceptive and unconscionable acts involving two protected consumers. The matter was brought by the Office of the District Attorney’s Consumer Protection Division.

The District Attorney alleged Adam Thorne, doing business as Construction Consultants, Inc., was not properly licensed, failed to pull permits, and failed to complete work or provide materials he was paid on two separate consumer transactions. One consumer involved is a veteran, while the other was over the age of 60. 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 Thorne to pay \$43,593.12 in restitution to the protected consumers, \$60,000.00 in civil penalties, an additional \$60,000.00 in enhanced civil penalties and also pay for court costs and fees. Violations of the KCPA that impact a protected consumer can result in an enhanced civil penalty per violation. K.S.A. 50-677. Protected consumers include the disabled, veterans, members of the military and persons over the age of 60. K.S.A. 50-676.

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 August 6, 2021, signed by Judge Deborah Hernandez Mitchell. The case was investigated by Jimmie Merrick of the District Attorney’s Office.

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