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WICHITA, KAN. – A \$36,997.00 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 David Michael Pirl, doing business as Pirl Construction, was not properly licensed, failed to pull permits, and failed to complete work on a pool removal and installation job in Wichita. Pirl also failed to provide the consumer a three day right to cancel the transaction and failed to provide a requested refund once he quit the job leaving a large hole in the consumer’s backyard. 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 Pirl to pay \$5,800.00 in restitution to the consumer, \$30,000.00 in civil penalties, and also pay court costs and investigation fees. The court also ordered Pirl to refrain from operating or conducting business in Kansas until he obtains all necessary licenses.

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 also 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 27, 2021, signed by Judge Stephen Ternes. The case was investigated by Andrea Riedel of the District Attorney’s Office.

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