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WICHITA, KAN. – A used car dealership’s general sales manager entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney. The District Attorney’s Consumer Protection Division investigated Credit King Auto Sales, 3205 S. Broadway in Wichita, and Thomas Anderson after receiving a complaint from a consumer seeking title to her vehicle.

The District Attorney’s Office alleged Anderson violated the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA) by failing to deliver title within 60 days of the purchase to a consumer as required by Kansas law. The investigation also located evidence of the issuance of fraudulent 60-day temporary registration permits, commonly called 60-day tags, on numerous vehicles sold by the dealership.

While Anderson denied violating the KCPA, he agreed to enter into a consent judgment to settle the matter. The judgment calls for Anderson to pay over \$20,000 in civil penalties, costs and expenses. The consent judgment requires a 12-month probationary period and cooperation with any future complaints. Anderson agreed to make sure the dealership would not sell vehicles that it did not either possess the title to or had sufficient funds to issue a refund. He also agreed to provide training to salespersons to avoid a repeat of the allegations and promised to insure all salespersons are properly licensed prior to engaging in consumer transactions.

The District Attorney reminds residents that customers should receive certificates of title within 60 days of vehicle purchase so the buyer can register the vehicle. Failure to provide title within 60 days makes the transaction “fraudulent and void” entitling customers to a refund. K.S.A. 8-135(c)(7). Also, dealerships may only issue a buyer one 60-day temporary registration permit following the sale of a vehicle. K.S.A. 8-2409. Remember, driving without proper registration is against the law.

The consent judgment was approved on April 4, 2022 by Judge Stephen Ternes. The matter was investigated by the Consumer Protection Division of the District Attorney’s Office.

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