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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A Wichita roofing contractor has entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney. The District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division investigated Bradley Wiesen after receiving a consumer complaint that alleged Wiesen did not provide a full refund when he failed to replace a roof as contracted.

The Consumer Protection Division alleged Wiesen was not properly licensed at the time of the transaction in violation of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act ("KCPA").

While Wiesen denied intentionally violating the KCPA, he accepted the consent judgment to resolve the matter. Prior to settlement, Wiesen provided the consumer a full refund of \$8,542.97. While on a 12-month probationary period with the Consumer Protection Division, Wiesen will be liable for \$10,000.00 in civil penalties, as well as investigative expenses, and court costs.

As part of the agreement, Wiesen promised not to perform or contract for work he does not have the requisite license or skill to perform. Future contracts will include proper notices of the three-day right to cancel the transaction for any door-to-door sales. Future services will also include obtaining necessary permits and inspections. Wiesen also promised to become properly licensed before entering into future contracts. The consent judgment includes an injunction from engaging in deceptive or unconscionable acts in the future, and Wiesen agreed to cooperate with the investigation of any future complaints.

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, including electrical and plumbing, may also require permits. Anyone engaging in door-to-door sales or offering their services outside of their place of business is also required to provide customers a specific notice both orally and in writing to inform the consumer that they can cancel the contract within three 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 Andrea Poirier with the Office of the District Attorney and the consent judgment was approved December 13, 2023, by Judge Eric Commer.

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