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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A Haysville contractor and his company have entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney in a case involving allegations of unconscionable and deceptive acts and practices against four consumers. Three of the consumers were elderly.

The District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division agreed that Bradley Rogers, owner of Rogers Contracting LLC, will pay \$52,577 in fines, court costs, and investigative fees.

The District Attorney's Office alleged Rogers failed to provide consumers with a notice, commonly referred to as the "Three Day Right to Cancel" when soliciting work. The District Attorney said when one consumer opted not to hire the company after a "free estimate", Rogers threatened to sue her. One homeowner's contract price was increased without his consent, and when he did not agree to the change, Rogers threatened to sue him, according to the District Attorney. The third elderly resident's complaint similarly said the scope and price of her project was changed without her consent, according to the District Attorney.

The Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA) requires businesses that offer services outside their place of business to provide customers with the right to cancel orally and in writing. The KCPA also protects consumers from excessively one-sided transactions, falsehoods, and misleading statements.

When the consent judgment was filed in District Court on November 9, 2017, the company, Bradley A. Rogers and Rogers Contracting LLC, agreed to refrain from deceptive or unconscionable acts or practices. The agreement includes a 36-month probationary period, subject to monitoring by the District Attorney's Office.

Rogers voluntarily entered into the consent judgment with the District Attorney's Office, without admitting to the allegations.

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