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**WICHITA, KAN.** – The District Attorney and the Sedgwick County Sheriff are asking the public for information concerning an out-of-state business that operated in Wichita recently without a transient merchant license as required by Kansas Law.

If you were solicited to enroll in and/or were given a presentation for a "discount vacation membership" or "discount travel license" by VacayForLess, TCU, or Travel Center USA at the Wyndham Hotel, 221 E. Kellogg, in Wichita between October 7 and October 21, 2017, a special phone line has been set up to collect information. Please call 316-660-3669.

The District Attorney's Office reminds Sedgwick County residents that it is illegal for transient merchants to operate without a license issued by the Sedgwick County Clerk. The license provides safeguards such as requiring the merchant to post a bond, disclose proof of incorporation, list a registered agent, as well as provide the names and addresses of the officers/members of the company. Licensing of transient businesses is enforced by the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney.

The District Attorney's Office also reminds residents to be cautious when responding to "giveaways" and other prize notifications. Beware of flyers that suggest you have won a specific prize or claims that "all sales are final." Consumers normally have three days to cancel such purchases and merchants are required to provide a cancellation notice orally and in writing.

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