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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A used car dealership and one of its owners have entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney. The District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division investigated Car Nation, LLC and owner Olukayode Ajibolade after receiving a consumer complaint regarding a car that was purchased at 1301 E. Lincoln. The investigation found that the dealership's documentation did not disclose the airbag had been previously deployed and that the car had frame damage. The division also found that language in the sales contract attempted to limit an implied warranty.

The consent judgment calls for Car Nation, LLC and its owner Olukayode Ajibolade to pay \$15,000 in fines, refund the consumer the \$5,213.75 purchase price of the car, perform an audit to check for cars sold with undisclosed recalls, and compensate applicable consumers. Car Nation, LLC and Olukayode Ajibolade admitted the alleged violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA).

The District Attorney reminds residents to check for safety issues when buying a car. Have the car inspected, ask for a vehicle history report, and check for recalls at <u>https://www.safercar.gov/vin</u>. Recalls are covered by the manufacturer and the repairs are free. Dealerships selling cars for normal ("merchantable") use must be in reasonably safe condition, substantially free of defects that could render it inoperable, and they must perform up to level reasonably expected of car of same age, mileage, and price. A dealership cannot attempt to limit that implied warranty of merchantability.

The consent judgment was filed August 15, 2019, signed by Judge Deborah Hernandez-Mitchell. The case was investigated by Scott Kelley of the District Attorney's Office.

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