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WICHITA, KAN. – The owner of a Wichita appliance dealership has entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney for violations of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act ("KCPA) based on allegations he failed to provide refunds to consumers for appliances that were either never delivered or failed to work upon delivery. The two consumers involved made purchases from ABC Liquidators for goods listed for sale on Facebook Marketplace.

The agreement between Mark Barrientos, the owner of ABC Liquidators, and the District Attorney's Office calls for \$10,000.00 in civil penalties, investigative expenses, restitution, and court costs. Barrientos paid \$1,945.95 in restitution at the time of filing.

The consent judgment also calls for an injunction from engaging in deceptive or unconscionable acts and cooperation with any future complaints while on a 12-month probationary period.

The District Attorney reminds residents that when shopping online for goods or services, be sure to research both the products and the vendors so that you make an informed choice. Use search engines to find out more about the products and the vendors, compare prices, and read reviews from other consumers and experts to assist you with making purchase decisions. If you want to know whether the business has had a history of complaints, consider checking with the Better Business Bureau for complaints made by other consumers. Visit https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0020-shopping-online for more information on safe and secure online shopping.

The case was investigated by the District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division and the consent judgment was approved on April 16, 2021 by Judge Eric Commer.

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