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**WICHITA, KAN.** – A used car dealership has entered into a consent judgment with the Office of the District Attorney. The District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division investigated iDeal Enterprises, LLC (d/b/a iDeal Motors), located at 4435 S. Broadway in Wichita, after receiving a consumer complaint.

The consumer filed a complaint after the dealership and consumer could not agree on how to repair the vehicle he purchased. During the investigation, iDeal agreed to take the vehicle back and provided the consumer a full refund. The District Attorney's Office alleged iDeal violated the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA) because an unlicensed salesperson signed sales documents involved in the transaction. Under Kansas law, a dealership employee acting as a salesperson must be licensed by the Kansas Department of Revenue. K.S.A. 8-2404.

While the dealership denied violating the KCPA, it entered into a consent judgment to settle the matter. The judgment calls for iDeal to pay \$10,000 in civil penalties in addition to other costs and expenses. The consent judgment also calls for a 12-month probationary period and cooperation with any future complaints. iDeal previously entered into a consent judgment in 2019 for other KCPA violations; however, iDeal satisfied that judgment in 2020.

The District Attorney reminds residents that when buying a used car, make sure you know as much as you can prior to the purchase. Consider asking to take the vehicle for an independent inspection prior to buying the car. Buyers Guides are required to be placed on used vehicles being sold by vehicle dealers, it is known as the Used Car Rule. A Buyers Guide gives consumers important purchasing and warranty information. Residents can also visit <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/buying-used-car-dealer">https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/buying-used-car-dealer</a> for more information about buying a used car.

The consent judgment was approved on September 20, 2021 by Judge Stephen Ternes. The matter was investigated by Kristen Zluticky of the District Attorney's Office.

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