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Taking Action to Stop Roofing Scam



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody's Consumer Protection Division today filed a complaint against a Jacksonville construction company for scamming Floridians in need of roofing repairs. The complaint alleges that Kinnecorps, LLC, and manager, Roger Van Den Bosch, Jr., violated Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act by taking money from consumers for roofing construction and then failing to finish the work. Many of the consumers victimized by this deceptive behavior include senior citizens and Floridians whose property suffered hurricane damage.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Our Consumer Protection Division is taking action against a shady roofing company scamming seniors and hurricane victims in Florida. We will not tolerate unscrupulous contractors preying on Floridians, especially our seniors and those trying to recover from hurricanes."

The complaint alleges that the defendants violated the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act by:

· Soliciting roofing jobs from homeowners when the defendants lacked the funds to begin or complete work;
· Taking payments from homeowners for roofing jobs with no intention to perform the work;
· Accepting homeowners' insurance proceeds for roofing jobs without completing the work; and ultimately,
· Failing to perform the promised roofing work.

Additionally, the complaint alleges that the manager of the construction company used company bank accounts to fund personal expenses. The defendants also unfairly penalized homeowners for trying to hire a new contractor or request a refund because the defendants' contract requires customers to pay 30 percent of their insurance proceeds or $3,000, whichever is greater, if the customers cancel.

The complaint seeks temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, restitution, disgorgement of ill-gotten monies and civil penalties.

To view a copy of the complaint filed, click here.