

ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUES CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AGAINST WILMA MILLER AND DAN MILLER D/B/A DOUBLE DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION AND DOUBLE DIAMOND BUILDINGS

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BISMARCK, ND – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem today issued a Cease and Desist Order against Wilma Miller and Dan Miller, doing business as Double Diamond Construction and Double Diamond Buildings of Lincoln, Nebraska for misrepresentations and engaging in contractor services without a North Dakota contractor's license and a North Dakota Transient Merchant's License.

According to Stenehjem, his Consumer Protection Division initiated an investigation of Wilma Miller and Dan Miller after receiving consumer complaints that the mother and son victimized multiple North Dakota consumers in a total amount exceeding \$100,000. Dan Miller identified his mother, Wilma Miller, as the owner of the business and then lied to the Attorney General's investigator by falsely stating the company had not performed any contracting work or accepted any advance payments from North Dakota consumers. "The Millers fleeced at least three consumers out of more than \$100,000 total. The Millers were not licensed, did not deliver the materials, erect any buildings, or pay their subcontractors or suppliers," Stenehjem said.

According to the investigation, the Millers have a history of travelling state-to-state and have since fled North Dakota. "Wilma Miller and Dan Miller are a menace to consumers and they will be held accountable if they ever return to North Dakota's jurisdiction," Stenehjem said.

Parrell Grossman, director of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, said the Millers falsely represented their business as a North Dakota business by using a mail forwarding facility in Bismarck. "Before putting any money down, consumers should check that the contractor is properly licensed in North Dakota, verify how long the business has been located in North Dakota, and check references from previous customers," Grossman said. Contractors must be licensed with the Secretary of State's office if they perform work valued at \$2,000 or more. Consumers can check the Secretary of State's list of licensed contractors online at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/> or by calling (701) 328-2900. "It's often impossible to recover any money from these unlicensed businesses once they have left the state," said Grossman.

North Dakota consumers who paid money to the Millers or their businesses can submit a complaint form from the Attorney General's website at www.ag.nd.gov, or by contacting the Consumer Protection Division at 701-328-3404.

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