

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **HOME BUSINESS SHOW VENDOR BANNED**

BISMARCK, ND – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem issued a Cease & Desist order against Mandi Pankowski of Williston, ND, for violations of the consumer fraud laws, for fraudulent misrepresentation and fraudulent acts. Pankowski, who also has an address in Hazen, ND, claims to organize vendor shows for home-based businesses.

Pankowski used FaceBook to solicit individuals who operate home-based businesses, selling spots at a vendor show to be held in Dickinson. The vendor show did not take place. Pankowski did not issue any refunds to the individuals who had each paid \$75 to reserve a spot at the event, and has ignored their efforts to contact her. Investigators from the consumer protection division also tried contacting Ms. Pankowski but were not able to reach her by phone and she ignored the investigator's letters and emails.

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