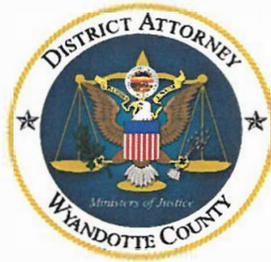


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**WYANDOTTE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY NOTIFIES RESIDENTS TO BE AWARE OF
PRICE GOUGING AND SCAMS RELATING
TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

With concern for the welfare of Wyandotte County residents during the international Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, in line with the Kansas Attorney General, Wyandotte County District Attorney, Mark Dupree, desires to warn residents of potential price gouging of necessary goods or services and to also be aware of potential scams that may exist. A state of emergency in Kansas was declared by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly on March 12, 2020 relating to Coronavirus. During a declared state of emergency, businesses in Kansas are prohibited from significantly raising prices of necessary goods or services. A twenty-five percent (25%) increase in the price of goods or services as a result of the state of emergency declaration constitutes a clear violation of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, K.S.A. 50-6,106 and K.S.A. 50-623 et seq. The law carries a penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation.

Residents should be aware of scams related to COVID-19, including the sale of survival guides, natural remedies, or unapproved medical treatments. Scams may also include fraudulent charities claiming to raise money for coronavirus research or to support coronavirus patients.

District Attorney Dupree encourages residents who have observed a significant increase in pricing or who believe they may have been victimized by a scam since the declared state of emergency to do one of the following: 1) file a complaint with the Kansas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at www.InYourCornerKansas.org; 2) call (800) 432-2310 for more information; or 3) contact the Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office Consumer Protection Division at (913) 573-2851.

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