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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO

CONSUMER PROTECTION SECTION  
PUBLIC INSPECTION FILE

STATE OF OHIO ex rel.  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
DAVE YOST

Plaintiff,

v.

STARFLEET CARS LLC et al.

Defendants.

Case No: 25 CV H 01 0119

Judge Marianne T. Hemmeter

**CONSENT JUDGMENT**  
**AND FINAL AGREED**  
**ENTRY AND ORDER**

This matter came upon the filing of a Complaint by Plaintiff, the Attorney General of Ohio, charging Defendants Starfleet Cars, LLC (“Starfleet”) and Jonathan Paul Kirkham (“Kirkham”) (collectively, “Defendants”) with violations of the Consumer Sales Practices Act (“CSPA”), R.C. 1345.01 et seq., and the Certificate of Motor Vehicle Title Act, R.C. 4505.01 et seq. Plaintiff and Defendants have agreed to settle and resolve the matters contained herein and all claims alleged against Defendants.

By signing this Consent Judgment and Final Agreed Entry and Order (“Consent Judgment”), Defendants submit to the personal jurisdiction of this Court, consent to the entry of this Consent Judgment pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(F), consent to the Court’s findings of fact and conclusions of law, and consent to the rights of Plaintiff to enforce this Consent Judgment. Defendants further waive any and all appeal rights they may have.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Defendant Starfleet is a domestic limited liability company conducting business in Delaware County and other counties in the State of Ohio with its principal place of business last located at 525 N. Sandusky St., Delaware, Ohio 43015.

2. Defendant Starfleet, at all relevant times, was a licensed used motor vehicle dealer previously operating under a permit issued by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, permit number 017299. The dealer permit is currently inactive.
3. Defendant Kirkham is an individual residing at 9282 Weigela Court, Plain City, Ohio 43064.
4. Defendant Kirkham is the principal owner of Starfleet and dominated, controlled, and directed the business activities and sales conduct of Starfleet, exercised the authority to establish, implement or alter the policies of Starfleet, and committed, allowed, directed, ratified, or otherwise caused the following unlawful acts to occur.
5. Defendants were at all times relevant to this action engaged in the business of soliciting, promoting, purchasing, selling, financing, and collecting the proceeds of the sales of used motor vehicles to consumers residing in Delaware and other Ohio counties.
6. Defendants solicited individual Ohio consumers to enter into consumer transactions, specifically for the sale of used motor vehicles.
7. In some instances, the Defendants did not have physical possession of the titles and/or the vehicles were not titled to the Defendants on the dates the vehicles were sold to consumers.
8. Defendants failed to file applications for certificates of title within thirty days after the assignment or delivery of motor vehicles.
9. Defendants failed to obtain certificates of title on or before the fortieth day after the sale of motor vehicles.
10. As a result of the Defendants' conduct, retail purchasers were unable to obtain certificates of title to their used motor vehicles and filed complaints with the Ohio Attorney General.
11. As a result of Defendants' conduct, to date TDR claims totaling \$152,927.39 were paid from the Title Defect Recision (TDR) Fund for the Defendants' failure to transfer title.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12. The Attorney General is the proper party to commence these proceedings under the authority vested in him by R.C. 1345.07 and by virtue of his statutory and common law authority to protect the interests of the citizens of Ohio.
13. Jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action lies with this Court pursuant to R.C. 1345.04 of the CSPA.
14. This Court has venue to hear this case pursuant to Ohio Civ. R. 3(C)(1)-(3), in that Defendants operated their business from, reside in, and engaged in some of the transactions complained of herein, in Delaware County, Ohio.
15. The actions described herein of Defendants have occurred in the State of Ohio, including in Delaware County, and, as set forth herein, are in violation of the CSPA, R.C. 1345.01 et seq., and the Certificate of Motor Vehicle Title Act, R.C. 4505.01 et seq.
16. Defendants are each a “supplier” as that term is defined in R.C. 1345.01(C) as Defendants, at all times relevant herein, engaged in the business of effecting or soliciting “consumer transactions” either directly or indirectly, by offering for sale, selling or financing the purchase of used motor vehicles to “consumers” for purposes that were primarily for personal, family or household use, as those terms are defined in R.C. 1345.01(A), (C) and (D).
17. Defendants engaged in unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of R.C. 1345.02(A), by failing to file applications for certificates of title within thirty days after the assignment or delivery of motor vehicles as required by R.C. 4505.06(A)(5)(b).
18. Defendants engaged in unfair and deceptive acts and practices in violation of R.C. 1345.02(A), by selling motor vehicles to consumers, in the ordinary course of business,

and then failing to obtain certificates of title on or before the fortieth day after the sale of the motor vehicles as required by R.C. 4505.181(B)(1).

**ORDER**

- A. The Court hereby DECLARES that the acts and practices described above violate the CSPA, R.C. 1345.01 et seq., and the Certificate of Motor Vehicle Title Act, R.C. 4505.01 et seq., in the manner set forth in the Complaint.
- B. Defendants, doing business under their own names, the name Jon Kirkham, the name Paul Kirkham, or any other names, their agents, representatives, salespersons, employees, successors, and assigns and all persons and entities acting in concert and participation with them, directly or indirectly, are hereby PERMANENTLY ENJOINED from engaging in the acts or practices described in this Consent Judgment and from further violating the CSPA, R.C. 1345.01 et seq., and the Certificate of Motor Vehicle Title Act, R.C. 4505.01 et seq.
- C. Defendants shall not own, operate, direct, or control another business in or related to the motor vehicle industry, and shall not apply for or obtain an auto dealer license under Chapter 4517 of the Revised Code, until such time as all of Defendants' obligations under this Consent Judgment, including all payment provisions, have been satisfied.
- D. Pursuant to R.C. 1345.52 and R.C. 1345.07, Defendants are jointly and severally liable for, and ORDERED to pay, the Consumer Protection Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office \$152,927.39 as payment to the Title Defect Recision Fund, established pursuant to R.C. 1345.52, for the amount spent to resolve 30 consumer title complaints.
- E. Pursuant to R.C. 1345.07(A) and (D), Defendants are jointly and severally liable for, and ORDERED to pay, a civil penalty to the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the total amount

of \$50,000.00, to be deposited into the Consumer Protection Enforcement Fund, with one-fourth of the amount to go to the Delaware County Treasurer, per R.C. 1345.07(G).

F. The total amount due pursuant to Paragraphs D and E is \$202,927.39. This amount shall be paid by Defendants pursuant to the following payment plan:

- 18 monthly payments of \$500.00, starting on March 10, 2026 and continuing through August 10, 2027;
- 36 monthly payments of \$1,000.00, starting on September 10, 2027 and continuing through August 10, 2030;
- 36 monthly payments of \$1,500.00, starting on September 10, 2030 and continuing through August 10, 2033;
- a final payment of \$103,927.39, due on or before September 10, 2033.

Nothing in this payment plan prevents Defendants from paying an amount greater than set forth in the above payment plan at any time.

G. Payments ordered pursuant to Paragraph F shall be made to the Attorney General's Office via a certified check or money order, made payable to the "Ohio Attorney General's Office" and delivered to:

Financial Specialist  
Consumer Protection Section  
Office of the Ohio Attorney General  
30 East Broad Street, 14th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

H. It is further ORDERED that the acceptance of any payment by the Plaintiff subsequent to the time it is due or the failure of the Plaintiff to insist on strict performance of any order contained within this Consent Judgment shall not be construed as a waiver of any of the obligations created by this Consent Judgment.

- I. Failure to pay any amounts under this Consent Judgment when due may result in any balance being referred to the Ohio Attorney General's Collections Enforcement Section for collection. Should this occur, the Collections Enforcement Section will assess additional collection costs and interest on the unpaid balance pursuant to Ohio law.
- J. It is further ORDERED that in the event the Ohio Attorney General must initiate legal action or incur any costs to compel Defendant to abide by this Consent Judgment, Defendants shall be liable to the Ohio Attorney General, should the Ohio Attorney General prevail, for all related enforcement costs, including, but not limited to, a reasonable sum for attorneys' fees, investigative costs, and interest and collection costs as permitted by statute.
- K. Defendants shall not represent, directly or indirectly, that the Ohio Attorney General has sanctioned, condoned, or approved of any part or aspects of their business operations.
- L. Defendants are ORDERED to pay all court costs associated with this matter.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

1/22/26  
DATE

  
JUDGE

**THIS IS A FINAL APPEALABLE ORDER.  
THERE IS NO JUST CAUSE FOR DELAY.**

*The Clerk is ordered to serve upon the parties not in default to appear, notice of the judgment and date of entry upon the journal within three days of journalization.*

JOINTLY APPROVED FOR ENTRY AND SUBMITTED BY:

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