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PRESS RELEASE

CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST LOCAL MIDAS STORES

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today that her office, in conjunction with the Solano and Sonoma County District Attorney's offices, filed a complaint against CRC Luxury Motors, LLC, which owns the Midas/Speedee franchise store located at 1797 Soscol Avenue in Napa, and Curtis Correll who controls the day-to-day operation of the Midas store. CRC also owns Midas franchises located in Petaluma and Vacaville.

The complaint alleges that CRC and Correll engaged in numerous violations of the Automotive Repair Act, the Hazardous Waste Control Act, and the false advertising and unfair competition laws, including that Defendants performed unnecessary, unwarranted, or unapproved repairs, and negligently performed certain repairs. The allegations are based on investigations by the California Bureau of Automotive Repair, as well as the respective District Attorney's offices, into consumer complaints against the Midas stores.

District Attorney Haley also announced a settlement with Midas International Corporation, the franchisor of Midas stores. The complaint alleged that Midas International was aware of, facilitated, and benefitted from CRC and Correll's violations of law. Under the terms of the settlement, Midas International will provide \$150,000 for customer restitution and pay \$50,000 in civil penalties. Midas International worked cooperatively with the District Attorney's offices throughout the settlement process.

Customers of the Napa, Petaluma, or Vacaville Midas stores who believe they are victims of unlawful practices may be eligible for restitution. Customers may be eligible if they file a complaint with the Bureau of Automotive Repair and/or the Napa, Solano, or Sonoma District Attorney's offices regarding Defendants' unnecessary, unwarranted, unapproved, or negligently performed services along with adequate documentation to support their complaint. If customers wish to submit a complaint, they should do so with the Bureau of Automotive Repair at <https://www.dca.ca.gov/webapps/bar/complaints.php>. Customers may also file complaints with the Napa County District Attorney's Office at <https://www.countyofnapa.org/1236/Consumer-Complaints>; the Solano County District Attorney's Office at <https://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=20414>; or the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office at <http://da.sonoma-county.org/documents/English-Consumer-Complaint-form-and-instructions.pdf>.