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PRESS RELEASE

NAPA DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRIBUTES \$150,000 IN RESTITUTION TO VICTIMS OF LOCAL MIDAS REPAIR SHOPS

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today that her office distributed \$150,000 in restitution to the victims of Curtis Correll, the former owner of Midas/Speedee franchises in Napa, Petaluma, and Vacaville.

In November 2018, the Napa County District Attorney's Office, along with the Solano and Sonoma County District Attorney's offices, filed a lawsuit against Curtis Correll, his company CRC Luxury Motors LLC, and Midas International Corporation for unfair competition and false advertising. The case is based on allegations that Correll's Midas shops performed unnecessary, unapproved, and/or grossly negligent repairs.

The District Attorney's Office obtained \$150,000 in restitution funds through a settlement with Midas International Corporation. We issued a press release alerting customers that they were eligible for restitution if they filed a complaint with our office or the Bureau of Automotive Repair and could show evidence of loss. We received dozens of complaints. As a result, the District Attorney's Office distributed the \$150,000 in restitution to 52 customers. Some of these customers suffered thousands of dollars in damage to their vehicles, while others were deprived of the use of their vehicles for years at a time.

The lawsuit against Curtis Correll and his businesses is ongoing. The Napa, Petaluma, and Vacaville Midas shops are all under new ownership and are no longer affiliated with Mr. Correll.