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Court sentencing hearing for Jason Kehoe for fraudulent auto sales set for December 13, 2018.

St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (ARIZ) – There will be a court sentence hearing for one of the two predatory auto sellers that preyed on Navajo consumers. In addition, there will be restitution hearing for both defendants, Lerma and Kehoe. The sentence and restitution hearings is scheduled for December 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Holbrook, AZ at Navajo County Court, Division 1.

There are approximately 50 victims; mostly Navajos were schemed by taking their money or vehicles away from them. Lerma and Kehoe systematically took money and vehicles from their customers. The victims will be allowed to speak at the December 13th sentence and restitution hearings. The victims should have received a letter from the Navajo County Victims Service Office notifying them of the court hearing date. It is strongly recommended that the victims participate in the court hearing in order to be heard.

Leonard Gorman, Executive Director of the office of Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission said, “It is important that Navajo people have the appropriate input. This unfortunate situation has caused imbalanced among Navajo consumers that were preyed upon. We can’t allow others to take advantage of our relatives in this manner anymore.”

Should the victims need assistance developing their victim statements, please contact the Office of Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission immediately. The victims should make every effort to attend the sentence and restitution hearings on December 13th.

Should there be any question, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission at (928) 871-7436.

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