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MADIGAN SUES PEKIN LANDSCAPER FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL CONTRACTS

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today filed a lawsuit in Tazewell County Circuit Court alleging that a Pekin landscaping company accepted upfront fees for lawn treatments that later were not provided in violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act.

Attorney General Madigan’s lawsuit alleges that George Petty operated a landscaping company, Turf Medics, and promised to provide lawn maintenance services for the summer in exchange for down payments ranging from \$100 to \$300. Petty then did not perform the agreed upon services and failed to offer refunds to consumers, according to the complaint. Attorney General Madigan’s Consumer Fraud Bureau has received 17 complaints against the company.

“Illinois consumers should be able to trust that businesses operating in the state will fulfill their promises,” Madigan said. “My office is fully committed to protecting consumers from business owners who repeatedly fail to deliver services paid for in advance.”

In the suit, Attorney General Madigan asks the court to prohibit Petty from engaging in the landscaping trade in Illinois. The lawsuit seeks restitution for consumers, a civil penalty of \$50,000 and an additional statutory penalty of \$50,000. It also seeks a \$10,000 penalty for each violation found to have been committed against a senior 65 years or older as well as the recovery of the prosecution and investigation costs.

Assistant Attorney General Louis Gale is handling the case for Madigan’s Consumer Fraud Bureau.

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