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**Used Car Dealers Sentenced to Jail and Probation in Odometer Fraud Scheme**

Sedeq Kargar and Naim Kargar both pleaded guilty Thursday to odometer fraud and were sentenced to 10 days in jail and three years' probation.

The two brothers were charged with forgery and theft in January in connection with an odometer rollback scheme at their used car business, AFG Auto Sales at 9270 Federal Boulevard. The brothers were charged with rolling back 2,683,751 miles in 29 vehicles that were sold to unsuspecting customers between April 2015 and August 2018.

Naim Kargar (DOB 04/09/64) and Sedeq Kargar (DOB 11/23/71) each pleaded guilty to one charge of misdemeanor odometer fraud.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Robyn Cafasso said the Kargars had preyed on unsuspecting consumers who simply were trying to find dependable transportation at a reasonable price for themselves or their families. She asked for a punitive component to their sentence.

Cafasso also asked the judge to make a specific finding that the Kargars had participated in a scheme to defraud consumers because this allows those who were defrauded to seek compensation through the Kargars' licensure bonds.

Adams County Judge Byron Howell made the finding. The judge said the defendants' crimes had a wide-ranging impact on the community because it was so easy for the Kargars to conceal what they had done to the odometers of the vehicles they sold.

Howell sentenced Sedeq Kargar and Naim Kargar to 10 days in jail, three years' probation and fined them \$300. They each must also perform 112 hours of community service. The judge ordered them not operate as used car dealers or salesmen unless or until their licenses are restored. Both Kargars' licenses currently are suspended.