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AG Frosh: Anne Arundel Home Builder Ordered to Pay Nearly \$600K for Consumer Protection Violations

Baltimore, MD (January 6, 2016) -- Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that an Anne Arundel County home builder who violated multiple consumer protection laws must pay almost \$600,000 in restitution, damages, penalties and legal expenses.

The Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division issued a final order concluding that Fusion Modular Green Construction, LLC, and its principals, William E. Sims III and Joshua S. Sims., entered into contracts with four families to construct new homes in Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties, but then failed to begin or complete construction of the homes after collecting substantial deposits and payments from the buyers.

"Buying a new home is the biggest investment many of us will make and when a home builder reneges on its promises and breaks the law, we will hold them accountable," said Attorney General Frosh. "Before any money changes hands, consumers should make sure that a builder is registered and that all payments are protected in case something goes wrong."

The Consumer Protection Division determined that Fusion Modular Green Construction and its principals failed to place consumers' deposits and payments in an escrow account or establish a surety bond or letter of credit to protect consumers. The company also failed to pay subcontractors for work performed, leaving buyers to pay the bills to avoid potential liens being placed against their homes.

The Division's final order also bars the home builder and its principals from acting as a home builder in Maryland unless they are properly registered under the state's Home Builder Registration Act. The buyers whose homes were not completed may seek to recover actual losses of up to \$50,000 through the Home Builder Guaranty Fund.

The final order outlines violations of the Home Builder Registration Act, the Custom Home Protection Act and the Consumer Protection Act, and requires Fusion Modular Green Construction to pay restitution of \$399,038, economic damages of \$155,240, penalties of \$26,000 and legal fees of \$6,446.

Attorney General Frosh urges new home buyers to verify that their builder is registered and confirm that they have a surety bond or letter of credit by contacting the Home Builder Registration Unit at 410-576-6573 or 877-259-4525, or by [visiting our home builder page](#).