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Father and Son Convicted in Classic Car Consignment Fraud Scheme

ORANGE COUNTY, FL (October 6, 2026) — State Attorney Monique Worrell has announced the convictions of Michael Dean Smith Jr. and Michael Dean Smith Sr. following a trial stemming from a fraud scheme involving their now-closed classic car consignment business.

The jury found the defendants guilty of one count of racketeering and 13 counts of organized fraud involving customers who entrusted the business with their classic vehicles. Prosecutors presented evidence that victims were repeatedly told their vehicles had been sold or were about to be sold, while they waited for payment that never came.

“These men didn’t just take cars,” said State Attorney Monique Worrell. “They took something people had poured years, money, and memories into, and then strung them along with promises they never intended to keep. Fraud dressed up as a legitimate business is still fraud. When someone exploits the trust of our neighbors for profit, this office will hold them accountable, and we will stand with the people they harmed every step of the way.”

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The Office of the State Attorney for the Ninth Judicial Circuit is represented by The Honorable Monique H. Worrell and serves Orange and Osceola counties in Central Florida. A culturally diverse community, the area is home to over 1.9 million residents and is a vacation destination for millions each year. Our office is committed to making Orlando and the surrounding area a vibrant and safe place to live, work and play.

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