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STEER CLEAR OF THIS CAR DEALER

The State Government today warned South Australians from buying or selling a second-hand car from Joshua Peter McIntosh, also known as Michael Playford and by a number of other aliases.

Consumer Affairs Ministers Jennifer Rankine said that McIntosh has a history of being dishonest in his business dealings.

“Not only has McIntosh traded without a licence, he has traded in a way that has been grossly unfair,” she said.

“A number of people allegedly offered their cars for sale on consignment through McIntosh, which he on-sold without passing on any payment for the cars to the consumers.”

The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs also alleges that McIntosh provided some cheques to one of the car owners, but the bank dishonoured two of the cheques.

The consumers ended up receiving compensation from the Second-hand Vehicle Compensation Fund.

McIntosh has also previously been gaoled in South Australia for various indictable offences of dishonesty, and has also been convicted in other States for dishonesty offences.

McIntosh was previously trading from a car showroom on 416 Port Rd, Hindmarsh.

This week the District Court made permanent orders against McIntosh that he be prohibited from:

- Being employed or otherwise engaged in the business of a dealer; and
- Being a director of or otherwise having an interest in a body corporate that is a dealer.

“The District Court has sent a clear message to McIntosh that he is not to continue his car dealings,” Minister Rankine said.

“If anyone becomes aware that McIntosh is continuing to trade, I urge them to contact Consumer Affairs immediately.”

“Dealing with McIntosh is just too risky. His history suggests that people should steer clear of any business dealings with him.”