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**CHILDREN'S TALENT SERVICE, MODELING AGENCY  
CONVICTED OF DECEPTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES**

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office today announced it has secured criminal convictions of the owner and operator of two Los Angeles talent services -- "Scooters Fab Flashcast" – a children's talent broker -- and "Model Management, Inc." – a talent agency for models -- for deceptive business practices, following a successful prosecution by Deputy City Attorney Mark Lambert of the Consumer Protection Unit.

"Scooters" operator, Carl Ken Carranza, and its owner, Flashcast Companies Inc., each pled no contest to two counts of false advertising and were placed on 36 months probation and sentenced to 90 days in jail or 600 hours of community service. Carranza and the Corporation were also ordered to pay \$17,145 in restitution to 11 victims, not to attempt to collect any portion of outstanding fees from persons who notify the court by November 5 and to prominently display on future advertisements that the company is not a free service.

Located in Universal City, Scooters Fab Flashcast – now doing business as "Scooters Kidz" – issued misleading advertisements primarily on the internet at craigslist.org – appearing to offer a no-cost talent search for babies and young children for jobs in modeling, catalogs and television commercials. Parents responding to the advertisement spent hours at an "audition" only to discover that the company was in fact a service offering to obtain a licensed talent agent for their child at a cost of \$1,495.

In the second case, Model Management, Inc.'s operator, Kurt Lloyd Clements, and its owner, Wild Models Inc., each entered pleas of no contest to one count of operating an advance fee talent service without a bond and to one count of failing to have a Los Angeles Business Tax registration permit. Clements was sentenced to 36 months probation and 30 days in jail or 400 hours of community service. Clements and the corporation were also ordered to pay \$10,967 in restitution to 12 victims named in the case and not to attempt to collect any portion of outstanding fees from any other client.

Model Management, Inc., located in Century City, signed talent agent contracts with young models and unlawfully charged them up to \$1,000 for photography packages plus additional fees for promotion on the company's website. Under the law, talent representation services who charge an advance fee are prohibited from selling photographs and promotional materials to their clients.

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