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Media Advisory

Jeffrey Allen Jones – Pled guilty to attempted fraudulent schemes and artifices after investigation by the Arizona Registrar of Contractors

In November 2011, Jeffrey Allen Jones pled guilty in the Maricopa County Superior Court to attempted fraudulent schemes and artifices, a class 3 felony, relating to his unlicensed contracting activities. The sentence included:

- 4.5 years incarceration, and
- \$6,100 in restitution.

Maricopa County prosecuted Jones after an investigation and referral from the Arizona Registrar of Contractors for contracting without a license. Jones commonly targeted female senior citizens by soliciting work door-to-door in mobile home communities. After being paid, Jones would do little or no work and abandon the job before completing any of the contracted repairs.

“Protecting the people of Arizona from illegal contracting is our top priority”, said William Mundell, Director of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors.

The Registrar of Contractors advises homeowners to protect themselves against fraudulent contractors by

- Consulting the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, www.azroc.gov, to ensure the contractor is licensed.
- Asking for written estimates from at least three contractors.
- Requesting a list of references, and checking them before agreeing to hire anyone.
- Making sure the scope of the project, the price, the responsibility to obtain building permits, and any other relevant terms are spelled out in a written contract.
- Avoiding contractors who require large upfront payments.
- Never allowing yourself to be hurried into making a decision. No reputable contractor will pressure you into a quick hiring decision.

Other tips about hiring qualified contractors can be found at www.azroc.gov.

For more information or to request an interview with Director Mundell, contact Tyler Palmer, Public Information Officer of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors at (602) 771-6710.

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