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Media Advisory

Michael Ortega – Pleads guilty to 2 counts of Forgery and 3 counts of Theft after investigation by the Arizona Registrar of Contractors and the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office

The Arizona Registrar of Contractors announced that Michael Ortega entered a plea agreement for 2 counts of forgery and 3 counts of theft. The sentence includes:

- 6 ½ years incarceration, and
- \$19,300 in restitution.

Maricopa County prosecuted Michael Ortega after an investigation and referral from the Arizona Registrar of Contractors for contracting without a license. Over the past three years, the Registrar of Contractors had received more than 20 complaints filed against Michael Ortega. Ortega commonly solicited work by going door-to-door offering to do projects for a good price with leftover materials. After receiving upfront payments and performing some demolition work, Ortega would abandon the project.

The Registrar of Contractors advises homeowners to protect themselves against fraudulent contractors by verifying a contractor’s license status and avoiding contractors who require large upfront payments. Other tips about hiring qualified contractors can be found at www.azroc.gov.

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