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# Unlicensed Tucson Individual Guilty of Contracting w/o a License

PHOENIX, Ariz., (December 11, 2018)– On Tuesday, December 4, 2018 Lino Silva Jr., age 41 of Tucson, pleaded guilty to Contracting Without a License, a Class 1 Misdemeanor, in the Pima County Justice Court.

The charges stemmed from an Arizona Registrar of Contractors investigation that revealed Silva, DBA Lino Silva Company, contracted for \$7,750 and was paid \$3,900 to apply two coats of stucco to a Tucson home. Silva abandoned the project after completing approximately half the work.

The victim told the AZ ROC investigator he believed Silva was licensed because a license number was listed on the contract. That number, however, actually belonged to an expired license with no affiliation to Silva.

Silva was sentenced to 12 months of unsupervised probation and ordered to pay \$3,900 in restitution to the homeowner.

The AZ ROC has investigated Silva for allegations of Contracting Without a License on eight occasions since 2010 and all eight cases were sent to the Pima County Attorney's Office for prosecution review. This was the fourth case Silva pleaded guilty to Contracting Without a License.

The AZ ROC commonly receives complaints where an unlicensed entity's work begins as small projects and increases in price and complexity to a point where they are unable or unwilling to complete the project and the homeowner is out of luck. The AZ ROC reminds property owners to ask contractors of their license status and to check the license by visiting [roc.az.gov](http://roc.az.gov) or calling 602-542-1525.

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