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Phoenix PD Arrests Parks on Outstanding Felony Warrant

PHOENIX, Ariz., (Dec. 15, 2015) – On Fri., Dec. 11, 2015, the Phoenix Police Department's Major Offender Bureau (MOB) Unit arrested John Parks, 25 of Gilbert, on an outstanding warrant tied to a Nov. 2015, six count indictment filed by the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

At the time of his arrest, Parks was out on a \$10,000 cash bond related to an indictment filed in June 2015 by the Arizona Attorney General's Office alleging one count of Fraudulent Schemes and Artifices, a class 2 felony; one count of Theft, a class 2 felony; and one count of Contracting Without a License, a class 1 misdemeanor.

The original charges came about following an Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) and Phoenix Police joint investigation, where investigators found Parks took approximately \$26,700 from an 85 year old woman to fix her roof. According to AZ ROC investigators, the roof would typically cost approximately \$4,600 to replace brand new and the repairs rendered were valued at under \$200.



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During the time Parks was out on bail, three additional victims came forward reporting they had been scammed out of \$59,000 for work reported to have occurred since the June 2015 indictment.

Their cases were investigated by AZ ROC and Phoenix Police Department and also submitted to Attorney General's Office for charging. From these additional cases, the Attorney General's Office presented the Grand Jury with evidence related to these cases, received another True Bill and filed another indictment against Parks in Nov. 2015. This indictment alleges six counts – two counts for each of the three additional incidents – including three counts of Fraudulent Schemes and Artifices, class 2 felonies, and three counts of Theft, two being class 3 felonies and one a class 2 felony.

Arraignment on the Nov. indictment is scheduled for Dec. 18, 2015 and a Comprehensive Pre-Trial Conference and Final Trial Management Conference are set for Jan. 13, 2016 for the June Indictment.

Parks is now being held without bond at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Jail. Parks is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich stated, *"This is a great example of teamwork between AZ ROC, the Phoenix Police Department, and the Attorney General's Office. We will continue to work together to combat contractor fraud in Arizona, especially suspects who prey on the most vulnerable members of our community."*

AZ ROC Director Fleetham stated, *"Unlicensed entities, like Parks, take advantage of Arizona residents on a daily basis and the Registrar's Office continues actively working with law enforcement partners – like Phoenix PD and the Attorney General's Office – to combat their efforts."*

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