



TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Press Release

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Arrest Made of Local Contractor Suspected of Theft 2015-14619

In August of 2015, the Paradise Valley Police Department began investigating a complaint in which a resident reported that she had entered into an agreement with Paul La Chance dba Murray and Sons Construction to have nearly \$60,000 worth of landscaping work done at her residence. To begin work, the resident presented a check for \$15,000 to Mr. La Chance which was subsequently cashed. A short time later, but before the work project began, the resident and Mr. La Chance agreed to cancel the contract and return the \$15,000 deposit. The complaint was received because no work was performed and the deposit money was never returned.

The Paradise Valley Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) began working hand in hand with the Arizona Registrar of Contractors (AZ ROC) and learned that Mr. La Chance had a long history of complaints with AZ ROC for unlicensed activity, poor workmanship, and failure to make repairs. We also learned that the contracting license for Murry and Sons Construction was suspended at the time this contract was entered into. The joint investigation between CIU and AZ ROC resulted in a felony theft warrant being issued for the arrest of Mr. La Chance.

On March 16th 2017 members of CIU located Mr. La Chance at his residence and took him into custody without incident. Mr. La Chance will be booked into the MCSO 4th Avenue jail on not only the felony warrant originating from the Paradise Valley case, but also two (2) misdemeanor warrants for contracting without a license and failure to pay on a contracting violation which originated from AZ ROC's investigations into unrelated criminal cases.

Individuals are reminded to do their due diligence, always hire licensed contractors, and always check references and the Arizona Registrar of Contractors' website at roc.az.gov before hiring. You can also visit their website for a list of helpful tips when considering a contractor at <https://roc.az.gov/before-hire>.

If you have any information about this crime or any other crimes in Paradise Valley please call the police department crime stopper at (480) 948-7410.



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