



## ARIZONA REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS



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# News Release

## Unlicensed contractor ordered to pay \$7,600 in restitution

In November 2014, Daniel Flores pled guilty to contracting without a license (a class 1 misdemeanor). The sentence includes:

- \$7,600 in restitution,
- 1 year probation, and
- \$1,400 in fines.

The Greenlee County Attorney's office prosecuted Flores after an investigation and referral from the Arizona Registrar of Contractors. The Registrar of Contractor's investigation found that Flores contracted to install a new roof and perform electrical work. The investigation began after the victim filed a complaint with the Registrar of Contractors alleging Flores performed poor work and abandoned the job.

"Protecting the people of Arizona from illegal contracting and other criminal activity involving contracting is our highest priority", said William Mundell, Director of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors.

The Registrar of Contractors advises homeowners to protect themselves by:

- Reviewing the contractor's license record at (<http://www.azroc.gov/forms/contractorsearch.html>).
- Verifying that the person is an authorized representative of the licensed contractor by calling the contractor's number listed on the ROC license record.
- Asking for written estimates from at least three contractors.
- Requesting a list of references and checking them.
- 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.
- Never paying in cash, making checks payable to the licensed contractor (not an individual), and not allowing payments to get ahead of the work.
- Avoiding contractors who require large upfront payments.
- Never making a hurried decision.

Other tips about hiring qualified contractors can be found at [www.azroc.gov](http://www.azroc.gov).

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

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