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## News Release

# Unlicensed contractor ordered to pay \$27,500 civil penalty

After a recent administrative hearing Daniel Klabunde was found to have committed numerous violations of contracting without a license. A person violates state law by (1) advertising to perform services that require a contractor's license, and/or (2) acting in the capacity of a contractor without a license. As a result of these violations, Klabunde was ordered to pay civil penalties totaling \$27,500. These civil penalties are deposited in the State General Fund.

The Registrar of Contractor's investigation found that Klabunde contracted with 11 different people. Each of these 11 victims alleged that Klabunde had abandoned the job. At 10 of the homes no work was performed and at the 1 remaining home only one-fourth of the work was completed. Additionally, in some cases Klabunde claimed to be using a licensed contractor for the work. However, these licensed contractors stated they were not aware of, and had never agreed to perform work under, these agreements. Klabunde has also pled guilty of contracting without a license in the Arcadia Biltmore Justice Court and the Mesa Municipal Court.

"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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