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Most Wanted Unlicensed Entity Arrested in Lake Havasu City

PHOENIX, Ariz., (May 8, 2015) – On Mon., May 4, 2015 at approximately 10:52 a.m., the Lake Havasu City Police Department and Arizona Registrar of Contractors (ROC) teamed up to arrest Adam Frank Lilla, 50 of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. on one count of contracting without a license and one count of advertising without a license.

Lilla is accused of repeatedly contracting and advertising without a license spanning back to April 2010 and was among several others listed by the Arizona ROC as being a Most Wanted Unlicensed Contractor.

In attempts to bring Lilla into compliance with Arizona licensing laws for contractors, the ROC issued several warnings to him and his self-owned business, Artisan Fine Woodworking, based in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.



Source: AZROC

Despite official warnings, in Dec. 2011, a misdemeanor criminal complaint and summons were filed against Lilla for work he is accused of performing without a license in June 2011. In 2013, the ROC filed another criminal complaint against and request for summons for Lilla for work performed in Aug. 2010.

In Sept. 2014, the Parker Justice Court issued the Summons to appear but it was returned in late-October without successful service. On Oct. 27, 2014, Judge Charlene Weis issued a warrant for Lilla's arrest in La Paz County.

Lilla was taken into custody without incident on Monday and held on a \$3,000 bond. Arizona Public Access shows he (CR-20140368) was arraigned on Wed., May 6, 2015.

Overall, it is believed Lilla received \$115,915 for unlicensed work, which should have been performed by a licensed contractor.

Background:

The Registrar of Contractors serves two core functions; licensing and the regulation of the licensing of contractors. For licensing, the ROC ensures contractors possess the experience, training and knowledge required in order to qualify for a license and then issues the appropriate credentials. When considering regulation, the agency works to curb non-licensed entities working within Arizona and investigates complaints made against licensed contractors regarding professional standards of their work.

To learn more about the ROC's Most Wanted Unlicensed Entities, please visit the ROC website at <http://www.azroc.gov/wanted/index.htm>.

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