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Contractors Board Releases Special Investigations Update

The Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) released the summary of actions from its Special Investigations Unit (SIU). The SIU is part of the agency's Enforcement Section, which works with law enforcement personnel and district attorneys in Oregon and other states to reduce construction fraud. In addition, SIU works closely with the Oregon Department of Justice to investigate allegations of illegal construction activity when a law violation warrants civil or criminal prosecution.

Below is a summary of actions taken by SIU against contractors for crimes committed between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

Costello, Mike	Indicted	12/19/03	Washington County Grand Jury returned an indictment for 2 counts of Theft by Deception and 1 count of Theft by Extortion.
	Arrested	1/13/05	Arrested by Mill Valley, California, Police Dept.
	Convicted	9/20/05	Theft 1 by Extortion - 2 years bench probation and \$4,000 restitution .
Hammett, Kit Todd	Indicted	2/23/05	4 counts of Theft 1 and 1 count of working without a license.
	Convicted	7/12/05	1 count of Theft 1 and 1 count of working without a license. Sentenced to 5 days jail, 24 months probation, and restitution.

Hayes, Brian	Arrested	11/18/04	6 felony theft charges.
	Indicted	12/15/04	Trial scheduled for November 2005.
	Convicted	11/2/05	Sentenced to 13 months prison and restitution.
Kowalski, John	Convicted	9/7/05	Kowalski was convicted of parole violation and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.
	Arrested	4/13/06	Portland Police Bureau arrested Kowalski for: Theft 1 (1 ct), Attempted Theft 1 (1 ct), and 701.055(1) (10 cts)
Lair, Joshua	Indicted	7/26/05	Klamath County
Mandes, Gary	Indicted	10/18/02	Indicted by Washington Co. Grand Jury on 3 counts of Working Without a License, 1 count of Theft I, and 1 count of Menacing. On abscond status. Arrest warrant still active.
McMillin, Jeffrey	Arrested	9/1/05	
	Convicted	9/9/05	Convicted of Theft 1. Sentenced to 30 days jail, 18 months probation, and restitution of \$4,000.
Mollenberg, Richard	Indicted	12/15/05	1 count Aggravated Theft, 8 counts Theft 1, and 2 counts working without a license. Court case still in progress.
Oliver, Jonathan dba Country Property Services, Inc.	Indicted	2/10/05	<u>Washington County</u> – 2 counts of Aggravated Theft and 3 counts of Identity Theft. Trial was set for 12/7/05. Oliver failed to appear and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.
	Indicted	5/12/05	<u>Klamath County</u> – 1 count of Aggravated Theft 1 and 2 counts of Theft 1. Pre-trial hearing was scheduled for 9/27/05. Oliver failed to appear and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.
Shell, Jerry & Joy	Indicted	9/12/05	4 counts Aggravated Theft 1 (2 counts each, Jerry and Joy Shell).

Vakaloa, Filiva'a aka David	Indicted	10/6/04	Multnomah County - charged with 3 counts of working without a license. Vakaloa failed to appear and a warrant was issued.
	Convicted	9/16/05	Plead guilty to 1 count Working Without a License. Sentenced to 24 months probation and \$4,000 restitution.

Injunctions Obtained Through The Department Of Justice

Armstrong, William	Injunction	6/16/06
Clawson, Randall	Injunction	3/11/05
Krasneski, Ron dba Pleasant Hill Pump & Construction LLC	Injunction	7/13/05
McMonagle, Kelly	Injunction	8/18/05
McNeal, Leroy dba Leroy's Tree Service	Injunction	7/22/05
Pickett, Gilbert	Injunction	8/12/05
Sambuceto, Ronald dba Craftsman, Inc.	Injunction	4/17/06
Wahl, William dba Mr. Blacktop	Injunction	10/10/05

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