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Salem Contractor Indicted by Lincoln County Grand Jury

Salem contractor Asa Leon Hurley, age 55, was arraigned Friday, November 3, 2006 in Lincoln County on four counts of Theft 1, and one count each of Burglary 1, Burglary 2, and Aggravated Theft in connection with the work Hurley was doing as a contractor. Bail was set at \$150,000. His next court hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2006.

In March 2006, two homeowners reported to the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) allegations of Hurley taking at least \$3000 from each in deposits and then not providing the work. The CCB also received a complaint that Hurley was hired and paid \$46,824 to work on rental property for an investment company and that Hurley failed to pay his subcontractors. Liens were filed on the property by the unpaid subcontractors. Owners of the investment company also alleged that Hurley made unauthorized purchases on the company's building supply account at Lumberman's of more than \$5000, then, converted the purchases into cash through a pawn shop.

The CCB suspended Hurley's license in April 2006. In May 2006, the CCB Special Investigation Unit opened an investigation on Hurley for dishonest conduct as a contractor and fined him \$2000. CCB investigators worked with detectives from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office to bring the criminal charges.

The CCB is the state agency licensing more than 43,000 contractors. Anyone who is paid to repair, improve or build a home must be licensed by the CCB. Consumers can verify a contractor's license and find information for successful projects at www.oregon.gov/CCB or by calling 503-378-4621.

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