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## Media Advisory

# Dana Lee Finn – Pled guilty to theft after investigation by the Arizona Registrar of Contractors

In July 2011, Dana Lee Finn pled guilty in the Maricopa County Superior Court to theft relating to her unlicensed contracting activities. The sentence included:

- 3 years probation, and
- \$20,000 in restitution.

Maricopa County prosecuted Finn after an investigation and referral from the Arizona Registrar of Contractors for contracting without a license. The ROC investigation began after a complaint was filed against a licensed contractor. The investigation found that Finn was an unlicensed contractor who was not authorized to use the contractor's license. The Registrar of Contractors then continued the investigation and submitted the complaint to Maricopa County for prosecution. Finn cashed numerous checks from the victim, but never purchased the materials for the project. "Protecting the people of Arizona from illegal contracting is our top priority", said William Mundell, Director of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors.

The Registrar of Contractors advises homeowners to protect themselves against fraudulent contractors by

- Consulting the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, [www.azroc.gov](http://www.azroc.gov), to ensure the contractor is licensed.
- Asking for written estimates from at least three contractors.
- Requesting a list of references, and checking them before agreeing to hire anyone.
- Making sure the scope of the project, the price and any other relevant terms are spelled out in a written contract.
- Avoiding contractors who require large upfront payments.
- Never allowing yourself to be hurried into making a decision. No reputable contractor will pressure you into a quick hiring 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, Public Information Officer of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors at (602) 771-6710.

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