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## **Contractor Sentenced to Prison**

***State v. Brandon Valandingham, 2019-CR-3980***

**DAYTON, OH (10/14/2020)** – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **BRANDON VALANDINGHAM**, 36, of West Carrollton, has been sentenced to prison after being convicted of scamming victims of the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes.

On September 2, 2020, the defendant was found guilty of:

- Two counts of Theft (by deception)
- One count of Theft (of an elderly person)
- One count of Theft (beyond the scope)

The defendant and his company, Buckeye Storm Solutions failed to provide work that he accepted from victims of the tornadoes and refused to refund customers despite their numerous requests.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to a total of three years in prison due to his actions along with an order to pay restitution to victims, totaling the amount of \$25,357.83.

Prosecutor Heck added, “This defendant pitched his services to victims of the Memorial Day tornadoes and never had any intention to do the work. No work was ever done for any of the victims involved and, to date, no money has been refunded to these victims. This defendant deserves to serve time in prison and must repay these victims who’ve lost so much in the wake of a catastrophe.”

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