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Oakwood Business Owner Convicted of Contractor Fraud
State v. William Lambert, 2020-CR-2369

DAYTON, OH (04/14/2021) – Prosecuting Attorney Mat Heck, Jr. announced today that **WILLIAM C. LAMBERT**, 61, of Kettering, was sentenced to serve a minimum of 4 years in prison after being convicted of Theft from an Elderly Person of over \$37,500.

On September 25, 2018, the defendant, through his company Lambco General Contractor, entered into a contract to build a new home for the 72-year-old victim in Miamisburg. The victim paid a down payment of \$102,125.00 to the defendant's company.

In January 2020, the victim contacted the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Consumer Fraud Unit and filed a complaint because the home had not been built. The investigation confirmed that in the intervening 16 months, the only work that had been completed was the clearing of some trees on the victim's lot.

On October 21, 2020, the defendant was indicted for Theft from an Elderly or Disabled Adult, of greater than \$37,500 but less than \$150,000, a second-degree felony.

On March 3, 2021, the defendant was found guilty as charged.

Today, the defendant was sentenced to serve a minimum of 4 years in prison and was ordered to pay \$95,000.00 in restitution to the victim.

Prosecutor Heck continued, "This defendant has a history of theft convictions, and has even been previously sentenced to the penitentiary. Many of his prior convictions were for the same criminal conduct - taking a down payment to do construction work, and then doing little to nothing towards completing the work. Many of his prior victims have been elderly. Before signing a contract and making a down payment for home repairs, it is advisable to thoroughly investigate the contractor."

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