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Driveway Paving Scam Leads to State Prison



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MICHAEL FINK, 28, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the 4th Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday afternoon.

Between July 25, 2013 and September 19, 2013, at a residence on Robinhood Road, in the Town of Guilderland, FINK did overcharge an elderly couple in a driveway paving scam. FINK took \$14,300.00 in additional payments for a paving job that had an actual value of \$2,500.00.

An employee at the victim's bank notified the Guilderland Police, who were able to locate and arrest FINK.

"The unfortunate reality is that we live in a world where criminals prey on senior citizens, and in this case a diligent bank employee was able to contact law enforcement and do something about it," commented DA Soares. "I thank this Trustco bank employee for their commitment to protecting our senior citizens, and I encourage the public to be aware of scams like this."

FINK faces up to 1 to 3 years in State Prison when sentenced on September 10, 2014. FINK must also pay restitution to the victims.

Assistant District Attorney Jessica Blain-Lewis is handling the prosecution of this case.

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