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Flagler County prevails in unlicensed contractor lawsuit

February 6, 2019 – Flagler County on Monday prevailed in a lawsuit against unlicensed contractor James Cigler, also known as “The Gutter Guy,” who took money from an elderly Palm Coast woman for work that he did not complete and that was otherwise “substandard.”

Assistant County Attorney Sean Moylan pursued legal action after Cigler failed to attend a hearing by the Flagler County Contractor Review Board and further failed to pay a \$500 fine for performing unlicensed contract work plus an additional \$1,500 restitution.

“Contractors must be licensed and insured,” Moylan said. “The victim contacted law enforcement, city officials, and Seniors Vs Crime (a special project of the Florida Attorney General). The Contractor Review Board unanimously voted in favor of the homeowner but he failed to pay restitution or otherwise respond to the Notice of Violation.”

Circuit Judge Christopher A. France on Tuesday signed an order requiring Cigler to pay the restitution first, followed by the \$500 fine in \$200 payments beginning this month. The Court retains jurisdiction of the case until all payments have been made, and Flagler County files a Notice of Compliance.

Homeowners should ask to see a contractor’s license and proof of insurance, or contact the Flagler County Permitting Department at 386-313-4005.

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