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Unlicensed Contractor Sentenced to Prison for Theft

(HONOLULU) An unlicensed contractor has been sentenced to serve a ten-year prison term for theft and unlicensed activity.

Judge Steven Alm sentenced Henry Leo Kaiser on one count of Theft in the First Degree, a class B felony, and one count of Unlicensed Activity, a misdemeanor. Kaiser received a ten-year prison term for the class B felony and a one year prison term for the misdemeanor, both terms to run concurrently. Kaiser was also ordered to pay the victim \$42,500 in restitution.

In September 2001, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs permanently enjoined Kaiser from engaging in unlicensed contractor work. Although Kaiser knew that he was prohibited from engaging in contractor work without a license, he represented himself to be a licensed contractor and offered to perform home repairs for the victim from November 2, 2001 through February 7, 2002. After the victim paid Kaiser \$42,500, Kaiser abandoned the job.

“This case highlights the serious problem of unlicensed contractors,” Acting Attorney General Lisa Ginoza said. “Kaiser had hurt other innocent people and was permanently enjoined from engaging in unlicensed contractor work, yet he continued to do so and committed felony theft. We will vigorously prosecute those who engage in unlicensed activities.”

Kaiser was also sentenced to five years of imprisonment for an unrelated forgery and theft case brought by the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney.

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