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Court of Appeals Upholds Jerry Rhea Conviction in Quality Paving Case

The Colorado Court of Appeals today upheld the conviction of former Quality Paving owner Jerry Lee Rhea for theft of Adams County funds.

Rhea (DOB 01/11/48), former owner and president of Quality Paving and Quality Resurfacing, oversaw fraudulent billing practices by the company that were used to obtain \$250,000 from the county for road work that was not done or completed. The overall investigation resulted in criminal charges against seven individuals for \$1 million in fraudulent payments.

Rhea was sentenced to nine years in prison and ordered to pay \$250,000 in restitution after he was convicted in 2012 of 23 counts of theft, conspiracy and attempting to influence a public servant. Rhea has been free on an appeal bond during the appeal process.

Once the mandate from the Court of Appeals is received, a hearing will be set in Adams County District Court and the District Attorney's Office will request that Rhea's sentence be imposed.

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