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Contractor Charged with Theft for Defrauding Seven People

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young today announced the filing of theft charges against construction contractor Brice Addleman (DOB 12/30/75).

The case is being investigated and prosecuted by the Economic Crime Unit of the District Attorney's Office, established last year to prosecute complex white collar crimes, consumer fraud, crimes against the elderly and other economic crimes.

Addleman defrauded seven victims who paid him to construct pole barns at their properties, according to the arrest affidavit. He did business as Addleman Construction throughout the metro area. The victims contracted with Addleman Construction and paid Addleman more than \$70,000. He provided materials worth about \$7,500 to three of the victims but did not complete the work. The other victims received nothing for the money they paid to Addleman.

One of the victims is 74 years old. He gave Addleman a \$20,000 down payment for a barn that was never built. Instead, the money was used to settle a dispute with another customer who was defrauded, according to the affidavit.

Addleman is charged with one count of theft from an at-risk elder (F3), and two counts of theft of \$20,000 to \$100,000 (F4).

Addleman was arrested Wednesday. He posted \$20,000 bond. His return date is February 26 at 10 a.m. in Division 4 of Adams County Court.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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