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**Judge Reduces Sentence for Jerry Lee Rhea in Quality Paving Case**

Adams County District Court Judge Steven Eugene Shinn on Monday reduced the sentence of former Quality Paving owner Jerry Lee Rhea to six years in prison.

The reduction in sentence came over the objections of the District Attorney's Office.

Rhea, convicted in 2012 on 23 counts of theft, conspiracy and attempting to influence a public servant, had been sentenced to nine years in prison. For sentencing purposes, the 23 counts merged into five counts. Rhea also was ordered to pay \$250,000 in restitution.

The court delayed execution of the sentence pending Rhea's appeal. In May 2015, the Colorado Court of Appeals upheld his conviction. In April 2015, the Colorado Supreme Court denied his appeal.

Rhea (DOB 01/11/48) 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 ordered to surrender to the Adams County Detention Center on Aug. 3.

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