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Contractor Sentenced to 5 Years in Prison for Theft from Customers

Home improvement contractor John Bradley Ivers was sentenced to five years in prison Monday for fraudulently taking money from customers who contracted with his Adams County company, Honey Won't Do.

Ivers (DOB 10/7/59) pleaded guilty February 15 to one count of felony theft of \$20,000 to \$100,000 (F4) for defrauding 19 victims of more than \$130,000 between June 2015 and December 2015. Some of Ivers' victims were elderly.

Ivers took money from customers as deposits for various home improvement projects but failed to do or complete the jobs. He was operating his business from unincorporated Adams County at 7285 Gilpin Way.

The customers paid deposits for home additions, finished basements, bath and kitchen remodels, decks and patio covers. In most cases the customers only received measurements and drawings for their projects. The charges allege that Ivers used the money for personal and business expenses not related to any particular project.

Several victims told the judge that they spent their savings for work that was never done and they cannot afford to have it done by another contractor. They said they no longer trusted that any contractor would treat them fairly.

Adams County District Judge Robert Kiesnowski Jr. said he didn't understand how contractors who get money from customers as a deposit for a job think that they have earned it and can spend the money however they want. The judge said that Colorado law requires contractors to hold those deposits in trust until the work is done.

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