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Media Release

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Re: Roofing Employees Charged with Organized Fraud

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The defendant Michael Pendelton and co-defendant John Ostrom are former employees of Alan's Roofing. Over the course of several months spanning from approximately April 2013 to October 2013, Pendelton and Ostrom engaged in a scheme to defraud Alan's Roofing by stealing roofing materials owned by the business.

Pendelton and Ostrom would routinely steal roofing supplies from the company warehouse and then return the items, such as plywood and roofing shingles, to home improvement stores that carry the same brands, such as Lowes and Home Depot. The pair would receive financial refunds for their own personal gain.

Pendelton and Ostrom completed a total of 44 such returns totaling approximately \$4,227.

In addition to stealing roofing supplies, Pendelton and Ostrom also engaged in a scheme to defraud Alan's Roofing by using the company's Home Depot credit card for unauthorized purchases and then committing fraudulent returns to profit from the purchases.

During an interview with Pendelton, he admitted to engaging in an organized scheme to defraud Alan's Roofing via the misuse of the company credit card. He also admitted to the repeated theft of roofing materials that were later fraudulently returned for personal gain.

Pendelton was arrested and booked into the Hernando County Detention Center. He was charged as follows:

- Organized Fraud
- Bond - \$2,000.

An arrest warrant was obtained for John Ostrom.