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Media Release

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Re: UPDATE - SENTENCING INFORMATION - Owner of Flooring Company

Arrested for Aggravated Grand Theft

Date: September 25, 2018

Update

Recently, **George Carr W/M DOB/07-21-1965** was sentenced to 20 years in the Department of Corrections, followed by 10 years on Probation.

Detectives advise there were 67 victims in Hernando County, 34 of which were willing to participate in the trial.

Hernando County Sheriff's detectives worked closely with the State Attorney's Office throughout this case, in an effort to ensure Carr received a sentence that was appropriate for the crimes he committed against Hernando County residents.

We would like to thank the State Attorney's Office for their diligence is prosecuting this case.

Original Information (06-16-16)

On 05-24-16, we reported (via media release) that our Economic Crimes Unit was conducting an investigation into reported activities being conducted by a "local flooring company."

At that time, our detectives had received preliminary information regarding representatives from the "local flooring company" engaging in several contracts to install flooring, along with other contractor services. On numerous occasions, the jobs had reportedly been abandoned, without the work being completed.

At the time of the media release, we did not name the "local flooring company" as detectives had not completed their investigation.

As a result of the media release, numerous victims came forward to report to detectives that they had been victimized by Mr. George Carr, owner of Georgie's Flooring.

The investigation continued and a warrant was constructed, approved, and served for Carr's arrest.

Carr was taken into custody at his home in Spring Hill on 06-15-16 just before 6 p.m.

George Carr W/M DOB/07-21-1965 was charged with one count of **Aggravated Grand Theft.** This charge includes **29** of the **48** cases that detectives are currently investigating involving Carr.

Of the 29 cases that Carr has been charged with at this time, monetary losses to customers exceeds \$186,000.

Carr is being held on \$186,000 bond.

Additional charges may be forthcoming.

If you feel that you have been victimized by Georgie's Flooring, or if you have information on this case, please contact Detective Royce Leggett at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.