

**News Release from
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Contractor Convicted of Grand Larceny

Rochester, NY- Today 61 year old Joseph Walter Agnello was found guilty of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree in Monroe County Court.

Throughout the period January - April 2014, Agnello received money from an elderly woman in the Town of Brighton to perform improvements to her home. However, that money was never placed in an escrow account and instead was embezzled from the homeowner.

With the assistance of Lifespan of Greater Rochester, the Economic Crime Unit of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation that led to the arrest of Joseph Agnello on December 10, 2015.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Roman Misula of the Economic Crime Bureau.

“Joseph Agnello stole money from a vulnerable person who placed her trust in him. Crimes committed against our seniors are particularly offensive and demand vigorous prosecution. We hope this prosecution helps demonstrates our commitment to this valuable part of our community.”

As a result of this felony conviction, Joseph Walter Agnello will be sentenced on October 13, 2016 by Monroe County Court Judge John L. DeMarco.

If anyone in the community has had contact with Mr. Joseph Agnello and feels they may have been a victim of fraud, please contact your local law enforcement agency to report it.

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