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## Unlicensed Contractor Charged with Making False Workers' Compensation Insurance Claims

**Phoenix** – Wayne Hallock was charged in Yavapai County on 16 felony counts for making false claims under his workers' compensation insurance.

Hallock filed a workers' compensation disability claim in 1998 after a fall at his work site in New York. He was deemed totally disabled and began receiving insurance benefits for his disability. However, an investigation by the Arizona Department of Insurance Fraud Unit determined that Hallock continued to work and receive income as a contractor even though he claimed to be 100% disabled and unable to work.

In January 2005, Hallock moved to Phoenix and started a construction company, but he failed to obtain a contractors license. The quality of work prompted numerous complaints about him to the Arizona Registrar of Contractors; criminal charges were subsequently filed against Hallock in several Arizona jurisdictions. Hallock was convicted in 2006 and sentenced to 1.5 years in Arizona State Prison.

Upon release from prison, Hallock resumed operating his unlicensed construction activities in Prescott and Prescott Valley, all the while, still claiming workers' compensation insurance benefits for being disabled. Dissatisfied customers again began to lodge complaints with the Registrar of Contractors.

Hallock's customers became prosecution witnesses and confirmed that Hallock performed physical labor that involved lifting heavy materials, climbing ladders, building forms for concrete and working concrete projects. Between July 2007 and June 2009, Hallock received income in excess of \$97,000.00 for working as a contractor.

On March 23, 2009, Hallock submitted a status report to the workers' compensation insurance company regarding his original 1998 disability claim. He reported that he was still disabled and had not worked or received any wages since his 1998 injury. As a result, Hallock fraudulently obtained \$28,700.00 in insurance benefits.

On 10-13-10, Hallock was charged in Yavapai County with 1 Count of Theft, 14 counts of Fraud Schemes, and 1 count of Forgery. He is currently in custody in the Yavapai County Jail.

**Beware unlicensed contractors – especially after disasters!**  
Always contact the Arizona Registrar of Contractors to ensure contractor is Licensed:  
[www.azroc.gov](http://www.azroc.gov)

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Questions about the unlicensed contractor activities can be addressed to **Tyler Palmer, Arizona Registrar of Contractors, (602) 771-6710.**