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District Attorney Lisa Green made an announcement on a significant case. On Friday, March 9, 2018, a Kern County jury convicted Barry Wayne Hanner of Grand Theft by False representation or pretense, a felony, and Contracting without a license, a misdemeanor. The court also determined Mr. Hanner had suffered three prior prison commitments for similar offenses since 2007.

In October of 2014, Barry Hanner was soliciting home improvement projects door to door in a prominent northwest Bakersfield neighborhood using the name of a legitimate contractor's company and license number. He signed a contract and obtained \$7,000 cash from the victims and performed only minimal preparation work before abandoning the job and taking off with the victim's money. Mr. Hanner did not have Workers' Compensation insurance, did not hold a valid license, nor was he bonded. Sentencing is set for April 9, 2018, and Hanner faces up to six years in prison. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney David McKillop.

Mr. Hanner has five prior convictions for similar crimes dating back to the 1990's, has been cited by the Contractor's State License Board many times, and has victimized many home owners since the 1980's.

Prosecution in this case was made possible by a grant from the California Department of Insurance Fraud Division's Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program.