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### **THREE SENTENCED IN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR SOLAR PANELS SCAM**

**RIVERSIDE** – Three Los Angeles County men were sentenced today, Dec. 6, 2017, for their actions in a contractor fraud scam involving the installation of solar panels.

Shay Yavor, DOB: 9-23-77, of Studio City; Nicki Zvik, DOB: 10-17-72, of Los Angeles; and Jerry S. Goldman, DOB: 2-17-45, of Los Angeles, were sentenced pursuant to a plea agreement with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. Both Yavor and Zvik were sentenced to 180 days custody and five years of formal probation. They were also ordered not to act in the capacity of a contractor or exercise direct supervision of or control over the construction operations of a contracting business during their probation periods. Goldman was sentenced to three years of informal probation and ordered to pay a \$1,025 fine.

Yavor and Zvik both pled guilty on Sept. 12, 2017, to four counts of conspiracy to commit grand theft and admitted an enhancement of committed two or more fraud-related felonies. Goldman pled guilty on April 20, 2017, to one misdemeanor count of criminal conspiracy.

In this case, the DA's Office charged crimes related to nine Riverside County homeowners – including one who was 82 years old -- who contracted with the defendant's business believing it to be properly licensed. The Riverside County homeowners paid the defendants \$210,922.

Yavor and Zvik have been ordered to pay restitution as part of the plea agreements. The amounts will be determined at a court hearing scheduled for Dec. 19, 2017.

Yavor and Zvik had their contractor's licenses revoked by the state Contractors State License Board (CSLB) in 2009 and 2010 respectively and were ordered to pay tens of thousands of dollars in victim restitution, recovery costs, and disciplinary bonds. They were also prohibited from reapplying for licenses for five years. In an effort to avoid detection by CSLB, the two men approached Goldman, who held a valid contractor's license, in 2011 offering to pay him \$150 a month to allow them to use his contractor's license. Goldman agreed, believing he would be a partner in the business, ultimately changing the name of his business to American Solar Solution & Home Remodeling. In 2013, Goldman successfully tested to have a solar contractor classification added to his license and Yavor and Zvik then paid him \$300 a month for the use of his license. The two unlicensed men paid Goldman more than \$3,600 over two years for the use of his license. Goldman had no involvement with the business, no contact with customers, and did not supervise the construction or solar installations done by the business.

The case, RIF1604376, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Lauren Dossey of the DA's Consumer Protection Team.

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