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Attorney General Laxalt Announces Arrest of California Man for Theft Under False Pretenses

Carson City, NV – Nevada Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt announced Robert Musich, 45, of California, was arrested last week on one count of felony theft, obtaining money under false pretenses and multiple transactions of fraud or deceit. The fraud was committed between November and December 2014.

According to the criminal complaint, Musich presented fraudulent invoices to multiple Las Vegas companies for fire and safety inspection services that they did not request. The fraudulent invoices requested payment for fire safety equipment inspections, tests and certifications. The majority of the invoices requested \$413.11, and listed a Las Vegas commercial mail receiving agency address and phone number. Musich had no intention of providing the services listed in the invoice. Instead, he collected the payments and deposited the monies into his bank account.

"Fire safety inspections are a legitimate and necessary expense that should not be exploited," said Laxalt. "Business owners should be wary of possible scams, and take the necessary precautions to avoid becoming victims of deceptive trade practices."

Musich was arrested in May 2015 in Arizona, and is being held in the Mohave County Jail. The Office of the Nevada Attorney General is working to extradite him to face charges in Nevada.

A criminal complaint contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Those who suspect they have received a fraudulent fire safety invoice should not pay for services they have not requested nor received. If you believe you have been contacted by a fraudulent fire inspector, please contact the Nevada Department of

Public Safety, <u>State Fire Marshal Division</u> at (775) 684-7500. A complaint may also be filed with the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection by clicking <u>here</u>.

This case is being prosecuted by the Fraud Unit of the Office of the Nevada Attorney General. To view the criminal complaint, click here.



MUSICH, ROBERT

(Photo courtesy of the Mohave County Jail)

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