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Home Improvement Fraud Suspect Charged

The New Castle County Police have arrested **Victor Delpiano** , a 46-year-old male from the unit block of Watkins Avenue in Woodbury, New Jersey. Delpiano, the owner of Off Shore G.C. located in Cape May, New Jersey, has been charged with home improvement fraud after police learned he failed to complete two separate home improvement projects in Delaware.

(Newark, Del.-19702) On Wednesday (12/3), New Castle County Police were called to the unit block of Sumac Court in Newark for the report of a fraud. The investigating officer, Officer John Adams, learned the victim had hired Delpiano in April 2014. The victim reported giving Delpiano over \$11,000 to complete the project which was due to be completed within a week.

The investigation then led to an additional victim who reported she had hired Delpiano in November 2013 to complete several projects prior to Christmas 2013. The victim provided Delpiano with almost \$17,000 to complete the project which he started in November 2013 and has yet to finish. The victim reported the projects have been left incomplete and in a hazardous condition.

Victor Delpiano has been charged with two counts of home improvement fraud in which the victim is 62 years of age or older. He responded to the Cpl. Paul J. Sweeney Public Safety Building to turn himself in to police on 12/4/14 and 12/11/14. He was arraigned and released on \$2,000 unsecured bail on both dates.

The New Castle County Police are asking that if there are additional victims, to please contact the New Castle County Police (**Attention: Officer Adams**) at (302) 395-8171. Citizens can submit tips anonymously by going to www.NCCPD.com and following the link for Tips and Alerts. You will be asked for a subject line, the location the tip applies to, and your tip information. You may also attach a photograph. Citizens may also provide text tips by texting the key word NCCPD followed by your tip to 847411 (TIP411). Tipsters may also call Crime Stoppers at (800) TIP-3333. Citizens who currently have the Smartphone App are encouraged to use the “submit tip” tab to submit tips. Select a topic by using the “drop down” and complete the tip by “clicking” submit.



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