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"Contractor" Defrauds Flagler Woman

On June 16, 2018 Flagler County resident Beverly Miranda wrote a check to Yosvel Basart for \$3,494.00 for cement work on her driveway. When the work never began she reported a possible fraud to the Flagler County Sheriff's Office.



Prior to Ms. Miranda writing the check Basart agreed to make repairs to her driveway but only after he received a deposit for the cost of materials. Basart cashed the check on the same day but three months later Basart had failed to perform any work.

In the original agreement Basart told Ms. Miranda that he would commence work three weeks from that date and would provide a sample of the cement product for her approval prior to beginning.

Ms. Miranda made attempts to contact Basart but the phone was disconnected. When she did finally make contact with Basart he informed her that he was unable to do the work due to health reasons and reluctantly agreed to return her deposit. But, Basart never

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returned her deposit and did not do any work on her driveway.

“Residents should be aware that frauds come in many shapes, sizes and professions,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “You should always confirm the contractor is licensed, bonded and insured to do the work before signing any written agreement and before making any payment,” said Sheriff Rick Staly.

FCSO was unable to determine the validity of the suspects statements that he was ill and unable to complete the work.

The victim picked Basart out of a photo-lineup leading to the charges for grand theft sent to the State Attorney’s Office.

Basart has a criminal history in Flagler County that dates back to 2009. Basart has been arrested a total of nine times by FCSO; felony fleeing and eluding law enforcement, petit theft, disorderly conduct, FTA for traffic and again for misdemeanor summons, assault on corrections law enforcement officer, domestic violence and contempt of court.

Basart is currently in violation of probation. If you have any information on Basart’s whereabouts or this case contact FCSO at (386) 313-4911 Case # 18-69947.

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