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I CAN'T BELIEVE I LET THAT CONTRACTOR INTO MY HOME!

Montgomery County, MD - According to the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators (NACAA) and the Consumer Federation of America (CFA), home contractors garnered the second highest number of complaints from the public. Dealing with contractors has been a sore point for consumers, whether because of a failure to use a written contract, abandonment or refusal to complete work, poor workmanship, and non compliance with building code requirements. And above all, contractors that have been previously convicted of theft, murder, rape, child molestation, etc, may be doing work in your home around your valuables and MOST valuables... your family.

Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan cited 24 cases in which County officials have brought criminal charges against unlicensed contractors. To date, criminal convictions have been obtained against 10 contractors, three are awaiting trial and there are open warrants against 11 unlicensed contractors. Several of these unlicensed contractors have previously been convicted of other crimes including robbery, theft and drug possession.

Trusting home owners put down large sums of money and, all too often, blind trust to home contractors without knowing their criminal background and just how reliable they are to do the job. A good parent can make the mistake of letting a former child molester into their home! Any unsuspecting home owner could be leaving their door unlocked for a convicted thief! How are you to know?

Contractors.com helps relieve that burden by aiding homeowners in their search for the most reliable contractor for the job. Serving as a matchmaker between contractors and households, **Contractor.com** allows individuals to find the right solution for the job by offering a substantiated directory of local contracting companies, including such basic service providers as plumbers, electricians and handymen. Registered users can read reviews of local contractors from other homeowners prior to making the determination on whom to engage for their next job. And registering online with Contractor.com is FREE to the consumer

In this way, says Sean Zobia vice president of the Washington, D.C. office of **Contractors.com**, **Contractors.com** is doing their part to slowly affect a major change in an industry that so desperately needs it.

Created in 1997, **Contractors.com** features more than 1.2 million listings for contractors across the United States. Twice voted “One of the Best 100 Websites on the Internet” by *Forbes Magazine*, **Contractors.com** brilliantly matches reliable contractors with families seeking to make improvements on their homes.

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