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Re: State of Texas v. Billy Stelly, Jr., Cause No. 1221636, Aggregate Theft, 185th District Court

Dear _____,

I am the prosecutor who has been handling the criminal case against Billy Stelly, d/b/a Pine Lake Custom Builders. Today, Mr. Stelly pleaded no contest to the felony of Aggregate Theft. The judge found him guilty and sentenced him in accordance with the plea bargain to six years in the Texas Department of Corrections – Institutional Division. Stelly will receive credit for the time he has already served. He now has a final felony conviction on his criminal record. This conviction can be used to enhance the punishment range if the Defendant should commit any crimes in the future.

Mr. Stelly has been in custody at the Harris County Jail since his arrest on June 25, 2009. Even though his bond was lowered by the judge, he did not have the money to post bail. He also does not have the money to pay restitution to the complainants. As his bank records show, he had already spent the money he received from the complainants in this case. Regardless, defendants who plead to prison time typically do not pay restitution.

I hope you are satisfied with the disposition of this case. Given the fact that Mr. Stelly was a first offender, prison time is a good result. Thank you for your assistance during the investigation. Should you have any questions, I can be reached at (713) 755-5836.

Sincerely,

Valerie Turner
Assistant District Attorney
Consumer Protection