

Media Advisory 6/1/01

Attention Consumer Reporters

RE: Highland Electric failure to take out permits and pay fees in the City of Milwaukee.

Recently the Department of Neighborhood Services has come across a situation that may be of interest to home owners and businesses. Highland Electric, operated by a James Jaskolski, has been found to be doing electrical work in the City of Milwaukee without a permit and failing to abide by agreements to pay back fees. This alert is issued to warn other communities where Highland Electric may be conducting business. This case involves sub-contracting by a major retailer. The following is a chronological of events by Robert E. Radmer, Asst. Electrical Supervisor, DNS Electrical Section leading to this situation.

1. Inspector Jimmie McWaters while doing a service inspection discovers a furnace and a/c wired without affidavit or permit. Inspection date 1/30/2001.
2. Owner informs Inspector McWaters that Sears was contracted for the work.
3. Sears hired Highland Electric to install the electric and M & M to install the units
4. Asst. Supervisor Radmer checked on M&M for electrical affidavits or permits and submitted the addresses without the affidavits or permits to Sears for verification.
5. Sears submitted a copies of an invoice, permit application and a check made out to the City of Milwaukee. The check and permit app. was never sent to the City of Milwaukee.
6. Orders were sent to Highland Electric for 52 properties that did not have an affidavit or permit. (4 x \$55 = \$220) each
7. On February 28, 2001 Highland Electric (James Jaskolski) submitted the appropriate fees for seven of the properties.
8. On March 21, 2001 an agreement was reached between the City of Milwaukee and James Jaskolski's Attorney (AttJames Jaskolski's attorney Gregg Bridge, agreeing to pay back the permit fees.
9. On March 22, 2001 two additional properties without permits were cited against Highland Electric.
10. The check that covered the first of three payments that was part of the agreement came back NSF.
11. A 1999 report showed James Jaskolski was in violation of 48 more.

12. Asst. Supervisor Radmer is currently seeking the revocation of his Master Electrician Credential from the State of Wisconsin Commerce Department and also possible legal action with the assistant district attorney.

If you have any other questions about this matter you can contact Todd Weiler, DNS Public Information and Training Coordinator (414) 286-3214 or Robert Radmer, DNS Electrical Section Asst. Supervisor (414) 286-2522.