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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR SENTENCED FOR FAILING TO CARRY WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

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*People v. Jose Luis Calvo Padilla*

*SALINAS, California-* Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Jorge Luis Calvo Padilla, a 46-year old Seaside resident, was sentenced on March 22, 2019 to 3 years' probation and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine for failing to carry workers' compensation insurance. Mr. Padilla faces up to 1-year in county jail and additional fines if he violates his probation.

On June 18, 2018, the Contractor State Licensing Board ("CSLB") investigated a report of unlicensed construction at a property located at Camino Del Monte 4 NW of San Carlos in Carmel by the Seas. At the property, CSLB investigators observed 2 men constructing a wooden deck behind the residence. Mr. Padilla was identified as the contractor on the project and admitted that he was not a licensed contractor. In addition, Mr. Padilla admitted that he had hired a worker to help with the deck.

On October 30, 2018, the Monterey County District Attorney's Workers Compensation Fraud Unit charged Mr. Padilla with unlicensed contracting in violation of Business & Professions Code section 7028(a) and not having workers' compensation insurance, a violation of Labor Code section 3700.5. Both offenses are misdemeanors.

The case was investigated by the Contractor State Licensing Board.

Under California criminal law, business owners need to be aware that California law requires all employers to secure workers' compensation insurance for their employees. Workers' compensation insurance ensures employees injured on the job have adequate medical coverage and other benefits.