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## **Former Employee of Mechanical Contractor Admits Inflating Change Orders**

Leonard C Boyle, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that WILLIAM SACCO, 49, of Pelham, New Hampshire, waived his right to be indicted and pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Judge Kari A. Dooley in Bridgeport to a conspiracy charge stemming from his involvement in a construction project fraud scheme.

According to court documents and statements made in court, Sacco was a project manager for a Massachusetts-based mechanical contractor. From June 2014 to December 2017, Sacco conspired to defraud his employer and the owners of certain projects he managed by inflating change orders on the projects. As part of the conspiracy, a co-conspirator subcontractor made more than \$200,000 in payments to Sacco and also for Sacco's benefit, including payments for Sacco's children's college tuition, a graduation party, a Mac laptop, airline tickets, hotels and Sacco's rent. Sacco and the co-conspirator submitted inflated change orders to Sacco's employer to offset some of the costs of the payments the co-conspirator made to Sacco.

Sacco pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, which carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years. Sacco has agreed to pay restitution in the amount of \$41,195.85.

Sacco was arrested on November 22, 2021. He is released on a \$50,000 bond pending sentencing, which is scheduled for May 9.

This investigation is being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David T. Huang, with assistance from the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, New York Office.

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