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UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR CONVICTED OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER FOR CAUSING DEATH OF EMPLOYEE

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that on July 11, 2017, Abraham Zafrani (DOB 5/7/60), of Encino, was convicted of one count of involuntary manslaughter, a violation of Penal Code section 192(b), and one count of violation of order causing death to employee, a violation of Labor Code section 6425(a).

On September 15, 2011, Antonio De Jesus Mejia was killed during a collapse at an excavation site at a private residence where he was working. Zafrani was acting as an unlicensed contractor at this construction site in unincorporated Ventura County when he created the hazardous condition that killed Mr. Mejia.

Zafrani faces a maximum sentence of four years in local custody. He is scheduled to be sentenced on September 1, 2017, in courtroom 48 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

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