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Glen Cove Paving Company & President Sentenced for Prevailing Wage Theft

Angelo Stanco and American Paving & Masonry Corp. were ordered to pay restitution totaling more than \$170,000 to employees for forcing kickbacks and failing to pay prevailing wage on multiple public work projects

MINEOLA, N.Y. – Nassau County District Attorney Anne T. Donnelly announced that a Glen Head resident and his paving and masonry company were sentenced today on wage theft charges for demanding employees kick-back checks that they were entitled to receive from the State Department of Labor because of the company's failure to pay the prevailing wage on public work projects in Brookville and Sands Point.

Angelo Stanco, 59, of Glen Head, was convicted today before Judge Helene Gugerty of Petit Larceny (an A misdemeanor), and his company, American Paving & Masonry Corp. of Glen Cove, was convicted of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree (a D felony). Stanco was sentenced to a one-year Conditional Discharge. American Paving was sentenced to a three-year Conditional Discharge and payment of restitution to 18 former employees totaling \$171,278.02. The defendants made full payment of the restitution amount today to the employees ranging from a high of \$21,227.26 to a low of \$1,853.51.

Because the convictions were related to public work projects in Nassau County, both Stanco and American Paving are prohibited from performing New York public work contracts until May 23, 2029.

“This defendant not only failed to pay his employees their fair and rightly owed prevailing wage, but further victimized and bullied workers by shaking them down for checks they received as compensation from the State and threatening their future employment if they did not hand the checks over,” said DA Donnelly. “Today, Angelo Stanco and American Paving finally made these workers, and employees from various other projects, whole with a restitution payment of more than \$170,000. Angelo and American Paving will continue to pay for their deceit, as they are barred from work on public projects for the next five years. I thank the New York State Department of Labor for their partnership and for bringing this case to my office for prosecution.”

New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon said, “In New York State, we are committed to protecting workers' rights and ensuring they receive fair compensation for the work they do. This restitution serves as a crucial step in rectifying the harm done and emphasizes our continued commitment to enforcing prevailing wage laws. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure justice for all workers across the state.”

DA Donnelly said that Angelo Stanco, of American Paving & Masonry Corp., executed two stipulations with the New York State Department of Labor (“DOL”), Public Work Bureau acknowledging underpaid prevailing wages owed to employees on public work projects in the Villages of Brookville and Sands Point.

The stipulations, ordered by the Commissioner of Labor, required Stanco and American to remit \$102,631 to the DOL for the underpaid prevailing wages and interest.

DOL issued 25 restitution checks for the underpayments and interest to 22 employees on December 7, 2018. Stanco and American provided the employees' address information to the DOL allowing the agency to mail the checks directly to the underpaid employees. However, between December 13, 2018, and January 3, 2019, Stanco demanded several employees kick-back the DOL checks to Stanco and American as a condition of their future employment.

Many of the kicked-back checks were allegedly fraudulently endorsed by the defendant or double-endorsed with the defendant's name and deposited into accounts controlled by the defendant. Seven employees were affected by the scheme, and the amount of the kickbacks totaled \$42,595.57.

The additional restitution of \$128,682.45 is attributable to wage theft by the defendants on public work jobs at numerous Nassau County locations between 2019 and 2022.



Those locations include road work done at the Glen Cove School District, and the Villages of Great Neck, Great Neck Plaza, Flower Hill, Roslyn, Roslyn Harbor, Freeport, Lawrence, Cedarhurst, and Hewlett.

DA Donnelly thanks the New York State Department of Labor, Public Work Bureau, for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Investigative Counsel and Attorney-in-Charge of Labor Richard Balletta of the Revenue, Auto, Insurance and Labor Crime Bureau. The defendant is represented by Vito Palmieri, Esq.

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