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Richard Short Sentenced to Prison

Convicted of Fraud Against MEDC in Obtaining \$9.1 Million in State Tax Credits

FLINT - Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton praised the sentence handed down today in Genesee County Circuit Court against convicted con artist Richard Short.

Short, a convicted felon with other fraud cases in his past, was sentenced to 20 months to 8 years in prison by Circuit Court Judge Joseph Farah after pleading no contest in July to Attempt False Pretenses between \$1,000 and \$20,000 related to fraudulent claims he made to the State of Michigan's Economic Development Corporation in obtaining more than \$9 million in State tax credits.

He also pleaded no contest to the Unlawful Use of a Financial Transaction Device for using the ATM card of his former neighbor, a now-deceased 87-year-old elderly woman who suffered from dementia.

"I feel that justice has been served and this was the proper resolution of this matter," said Prosecutor David Leyton.

"Richard Short is a serial con man," Leyton continued. "Today's sentence will take him off our streets and protect the public from the possibility of more schemes and scams by this con artist," Leyton said.

"It was a complicated case in many ways and involved a large amount of financial records and countless other documents. The end result is that Richard Short is on his way to prison and we were able to obtain justice for his elderly neighbor who is now deceased," said Leyton.

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