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## Attorney General Laxalt Announces Guilty Plea of Las Vegas man for Real Estate Scheme

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt announced that Rodney Taylor, 51, of Las Vegas, pleaded guilty to two counts of false representation concerning title, a category "C" felony. Taylor participated in a scheme to claim liens on real estate in Las Vegas by filing false documents. The fraudulent acts were committed between March and September 2012.

In addition to claiming non-existent liens on property, Taylor was also accused of filing false claims of ownership for real estate with the county recorder's office. After filing these claims, Taylor applied for and received public funds from the Southern Nevada Housing Authority in exchange for renting to Section 8 tenants. The state is seeking restitution of over \$45,000 for victimized individuals and state agencies.

"Fraudulent real estate claims have a devastating impact on Nevada families and their homes," said Laxalt. "Prosecutors in my office will continue to ensure that those who attempt to defraud the public receive justice."

False representation concerning title is punishable by up to five years of imprisonment and a fine of no more than \$10,000. The sentencing hearing for Taylor is scheduled for February 11, 2016, in the Eighth Judicial District Court.

The investigation of this case was a collaborative effort between the Attorney General's Fraud Unit, the City of North Las Vegas and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Deputy Attorney General Daniel Westmeyer prosecuted this case.

To view the criminal Indictment for Rodney Taylor, click <u>here</u>. To file a complaint about someone suspected of committing fraud, click <u>here</u>.



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