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The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters continues to expose unscrupulous contractors

Seattle, Washington- October 18, 2013 The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters applauds the efforts of the Seattle Police department, Washington State L&I, and other State Agencies involved in the investigation of Dathan Williams and his multiple drywall contractor businesses. This investigation was launched due in part to efforts of the Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters to expose contractors who skirt legal requirements, and conduct payroll fraud throughout the Northwest.

“While the efforts to investigate the business practices of Mr. Williams is a good thing, the truth is he is just one of many contractors who do the exact same thing. He is just one small piece of an enormous pie,” says Ben Basom, Communications Director for the Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters. “The business practice of Dathan Williams is part of a large scale issue that we face in the United States. There are hundreds of contractors conducting themselves in the same manner. Payroll fraud cheats the worker, legitimate contractors, and eliminates money that should be going to State and Federal coffers to pay for schools, roads, and other important public services.” Continues Basom.

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters represents over 21,000 carpenters throughout the Pacific Northwest, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Alaska. The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters advocates for fair treatment and fair pay for all Carpenters, and works diligently to expose payroll fraud.

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