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Grimes pleads guilty to Class D felony

Delivered fake air quality permit to client

FRANKFORT, KY (Nov. 20, 2009) – Peter Grimes pleaded guilty today in Franklin Circuit Court to Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

Grimes was employed by Energy Management and Services Co., which served as a consulting engineer in the construction of a natural gas plant in Magoffin County. Grimes delivered an air quality permit to the owner of Newpoint Midstream via the Internet. The permit was purportedly issued by the Division for Air Quality for the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, but no such permit had actually been issued.

The Commonwealth recommended a sentence of three years and did not oppose pre-trial diversion of the defendant for a period of five years under the following conditions: 1) that \$5,000 in restitution be paid by Grimes to Newpoint Midstream and \$2,000 in restitution to the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet over a period of 24 months; and 2) that Grimes not engage in professional services involving the application for or acquisition of a government permit for or on behalf of another person or entity seeking the construction of or ongoing operation of raw natural gas processing facilities in the state and will not hold himself out or allow others to identify him as a licensed engineer until such time as he is so licensed.

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