IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, BY ATTORNEY GENERAL MICHELLE A. HENRY.

Plaintiff

V.

INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION BUILDERS, LLC

CIVIL ACTION

NO. 2020-10525

And

VINCENT VINCE, individually and as managing member of Independent Construction Builders, LLC, and d/b/a Independent Construction,

Defendants

DECISION PURSUANT TO Pa.R.C.P. 1038

AND NOW, this 31st day of December, 2024, after a Non-Jury Trial wherein the parties and their counsel James S. Wise, Esquire, Matthias C. Conaty, Esquire and Andrew J. Katsock, III, Esquire appeared, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

- Count I Violations of the Consumer Protection Law and HICPA;
 Defendants Failed to Perform Contracted Projects and Failed to Provide Refunds to the Consumers.
 - The Court finds in favor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and against Independent Construction Builders LLC and Vincent Vince.
- II. Count II Violations of the Consumer Protection Law; Defendants Performed Shoddy Work and Failed to Perform the Work in a Workmanlike Manner.

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The Court finds in favor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and against Independent Construction Builders LLC and Vincent Vince.

III. Count III – Violations of the Consumer Protection Law and HICPA; Defendants Accepted a Prohibited Deposit from at Least One Consumer;

The Court finds in favor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and against Independent Construction Builders LLC and Vincent Vince.

IV. Count IV – Violations of the Consumer Protection Law and HICPA; Defendants Failed to Use Contracts Which Comply with the Requirements of Section 517.7 of HICPA and Section 201-7 of the Consumer Protection Law.

The Court finds in favor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and against Independent Construction Builders LLC and Vincent Vince.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED that Defendants shall pay seventy-nine thousand one hundred eighty-nine (\$79,189.00) dollars in restitution, twelve thousand (\$12,000.00) dollars in penalties, and are hereby enjoined from their unfair and deceptive business practices, acts, and methods. As such, Defendants are permanently enjoined from holding a license as a Home Improvement Contractor and enjoined from operating a home improvement construction business.

The amount of restitution requested was the only testimony of record regarding a specific amount and is uncontested.

The Luzerne County Office of Judicial Records (Prothonotary) is directed to serve notice of the entry of this Order pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 236.

POLACHEK GARTLEY, J.

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