

# State Police Investigating Man for Home Improvement Fraud

The Delaware State Police will be charging 32-year-old **Michael Tyler Joseph** of Fruitland, Maryland for felony Home Improvement Fraud when he is extradited to Delaware from Maryland. Joseph is currently incarcerated in Maryland, and he is wanted in Delaware for defrauding a family out of over \$23,000 throughout the past year.

On January 6, 2023, an Ocean View family contacted the State Police to report a home improvement fraud. Detectives learned that Michael Tyler Joseph, owner of Elite Hardscapes LLC, had previously agreed to build an addition onto their home, with construction beginning in January 2022. The family paid Joseph over \$23,000 throughout the year for the project, but the work was not completed, the contract was not fulfilled, and the money was never reimbursed.

There is currently an active felony warrant for Home Improvement Fraud for Joseph, who may have used other company names in addition to Elite Hardscapes LLC. The warrant will be executed when he is extradited to Delaware. The Delaware State Police Troop 4 Financial Crimes Unit continues to investigate similar cases involving Michael Tyler Joseph. Detectives are asking anyone who may have been defrauded in a similar manner to please contact the Financial Crimes Unit by calling 302-856-5850. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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