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## Monroe County Sheriff's Deputies Arrest Rochester Man for Scamming Elderly Pittsford Couple out of Thousands of Dollars in Unfinished Home Renovations

**Pittsford, NY (October 8, 2019)** – Monroe County Sheriff's Investigators, with the assistance of Lifespan, arrested Stephen Butler, 35, Rochester, on Grand Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup> (C-Felony) and Identity Theft 1<sup>st</sup> (D-Felony) charges. A lengthy investigation, which began in February 2019, revealed that between December 2017 and March 2019, Butler received \$119,323 for home repairs and renovations from an elderly Pittsford couple.



**Stephen Butler**  
Age 35  
Rochester, NY

**Charges:**  
Grand Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Identity Theft 1<sup>st</sup>

MCSO Investigators, assisted by a licensed contractor and mechanic, determined that little to no work was ever completed, including repairs that were allegedly made to the couple's vehicles. Furthermore, between November 2018 and March 2019 Butler used the couple's credit card for his own personal use, totaling \$6,273. The credit card was intended to purchase repair and renovation supplies.

On October 3, 2019, MCSO investigators arrested Butler. He was arraigned in Pittsford Town Court and released on his own recognizance. A stay away order of protection was issued to one of the victims. Unfortunately, the second victim has since passed away.

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