

Two men arrested for home improvement fraud

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Caddo sheriff's detectives have closed two cases of home improvement fraud, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Kenneth James Farnell, 55, of Shreveport, was arrested for operating without a license after a victim claimed Farnell didn't finish a home repair job. Farnell was paid upfront, causing a \$35,645 loss to the victim.

In a separate case, 62-year-old Donald Nelson of St. Martinville, who owns a construction company, hired a subcontractor for a home construction job, but the subcontractor was unlicensed and failed to complete the work. The loss to the victim was \$23,000. It is against the law for a contractor to employ a subcontractor who does not possess the required license.

Both men were arrested and booked into the Caddo Correctional Center. The cases were investigated by Dets. Mike King and Jeremy Edward.

