

# Bedford County Sheriff's Office



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## Press Release and Consumer Alert

(For immediate release)

### **TWO MEN ARRESTED PAVING SCAM**

Bedford County, Virginia:

Investigators, with the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, after a prolonged investigation, have arrested two men in connection with a driveway sealing and paving scam in Bedford County.

On March 9, 2010, Investigators learned of possible fraudulent dealing in regards to subjects canvassing the county soliciting residents for work to seal their driveways. Investigators were able to identify the subjects and found that on at least one occasion they fraudulently represented themselves to a customer. The scam involved approaching property owners, often elderly, and asking to do driveway work for them. Once the work was complete, the bill was presented to the property owner for an excessive cost. Furthermore, the quality of work deteriorated drastically in the days and weeks after the work was done indicating that something may have been mixed with the sealer.

The two men arrested are

Jeffery A. Grady and David W. Byres

Jeffery Adam Grady; 12/01/1977, of 337 Strasburg Road in Front Royal, VA was arrested for Obtaining Money by False Pretense



David Wayne Byers Jr.; 6/24/1983, of 337 Strasburg Road in Front Royal, VA was arrested on 8/23/2010 for a charge from Franklin County for Obtaining Money by False Pretense. Byers was already on bond for an Obtaining Money by False Pretense out of Bedford County.



Grady and Byers were operating under the business name of Quality Paving and Seal Coating and were operating out of their 1999 Ford pick-up truck pictured below.



**Additional charges may be placed in this investigation. Anyone with information concerning this offense, regardless of your county or city location, are asked to contact Sgt. Brian Neal of the Bedford County Sheriff's Office at (540)586-4800.**

Also, as a reminder, please make sure that you have a licensed contractor perform any work for you and that they provide an estimate prior to doing any work. You should contact the Better Business Bureau whenever you have concerns about a business.

**Sheriff Brown said " It is the lowest of the low that will take advantage of the elderly and our office will relentlessly pursue those that do!"**