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AG Frosh: Queen Anne's Co. Builder Charged with Multiple Violations

Nexus EnergyHomes took payments, but didn't begin or complete construction

Baltimore, MD (February 6, 2015) - Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that his Consumer Protection Division's Home Builder Registration Unit filed charges against Nexus EnergyHomes, Inc. (Nexus) and its owners, Vincent Paul Zanecki and Michael W. Murphy, for allegedly failing to comply with several Maryland laws.

The Home Builder Registration Unit filed charges against Nexus and its owners for accepting deposits and payments from consumers to build homes in Frederick and Talbot counties and then failing to begin or complete construction of the homes, pay subcontractors, or refund the deposits and other payments. The company also allegedly failed to disclose to the Home Builder Registration Unit lawsuits filed by consumers and subcontractors and the entry of judgments against the company in relation to its building activities.

The charges allege that Nexus and its owners were in violation of Maryland's Home Builder Registration Act, New Homes Deposit Act, Custom Home Protection Act and Consumer Protection Act.

"Maryland law is very clear that builders must protect deposits and honor their commitments to homebuyers," said Attorney General Frosh. "Consumers who put money down for a new home should have confidence that their investment is secure."

A hearing on the statement of charges is scheduled for April 2 at the Office of Administrative Hearings in Hunt Valley. The charges seek injunctive relief, restitution, damages and civil penalties against Nexus.

Consumers who may have had problems with homes built by Nexus or other builders should call the Home Builder Registration Unit at 410-576-6573 or 877-259-4525 or email <u>homebuilder@oag.state.md.us</u>.