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Wichita, Kansas - A landscaper who was on probation for defrauding two of his customers was sent to prison for failing to make his restitution payments.

Ricky Moyer, 31 of Wichita, owner of Rick's Tree and Landscape, entered a no contest plea to a single count of felony theft in District Court in 2016. At the time, Judge Ben Burgess granted Moyer five years probation and ordered him to make payments on the more than \$16,000 owed to two of his customers. Moyer was allowed to continue to do landscaping and tree trimming work while he was on probation.

On Monday, Judge Burgess revoked Moyer's probation and ordered him to serve 10 months in prison. Judge Burgess found that Moyer had committed multiple probation violations in the last year, most recently for using cocaine and failing to make payments to his victims.

One of the victims was a retired Wichita woman who paid Moyer \$11,000 in 2014 to cut down two trees and build a shed on a concrete slab. The other victim, a retired man from Derby, paid Moyer more than \$15,000 in 2015 to trim trees, lay sod, pour concrete and build a shed. Moyer did not build the sheds or finish the work for either customer. The victims had to hire other contractors to finish the projects.

The cases were investigated by the District Attorney's Consumer Protection Division, the DA's Investigations Division and the Derby Police Department.

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