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Unlicensed Household Mover Sentenced to Jail and Ordered to Pay Restitution

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jason Paul Ellis (DOB 07/05/81), of Simi Valley, was sentenced to 120 days in jail for embezzlement of personal property by a carrier and being an unlicensed household mover. Ellis, doing business as Roadrunner Moving Company, performed numerous in-state and out-of-state moves between 2017 and 2019 without following the requirements of the California Household Movers Act or obtaining a permit to operate.

In addition to the jail sentence, Ellis paid \$13,000 in restitution for fees he unlawfully collected from the victim in this case. The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Bureau of Household Goods and Services became aware of Ellis' unlawful operations due to multiple consumer complaints. This case was jointly investigated by the DCA and the District Attorney's Office Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit.

All household movers and moving companies operating in California are required to be licensed with the DCA. To report a violation or file a complaint against an unlicensed mover, please call the DCA at (916) 999-2041, or visit [Bureau of Household Goods and Services \(BHGS\) \(ca.gov\)](http://www.bhgs.ca.gov)

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