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Convicted odd job man targeting Central Wheat Belt & Avon Valley Wayne Vicary

The man convicted on May 16th this year in the Merredin Magistrates Court of unlicensed plumbing work, is thought to still be active in the Central Wheat Belt and Avon Valley areas.

The Consumer Protection Commissioner is warning locals to steer clear of **Wayne Vicary** of Merredin, as authorities continue to scrutinize his dealings, especially when it concerns vulnerable older people.

“Our enquiries are turning up some worrying information about this man and we are advising consumers in these areas to play it safe and have nothing to do with him,” Patrick Walker said.

“I would also like the families and friends of older people living in the Central Wheat Belt and Avon Valley areas, to keep a close eye on the home maintenance and financial affairs of their loved ones,” the Commissioner said.

Handyman jobs such as electrical work, plumbing and painting, can only be carried out by appropriately licensed trades people.

“We are coordinating our enquiries with local authorities and other law enforcement agencies. We also have a Regional Officer monitoring the situation in these towns and further charges may be laid if we substantiate that any offences have occurred,” Mr. Walker said.

Anyone who has been approached by Mr. Vicary or who has paid him for doing home maintenance work that requires a licence, or is concerned about the standard of the work done should contact Consumer Protection for assistance on telephone 1300 30 40 54, a local call from anywhere in Western Australia.

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