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That's Prime Minister ScoMo to the rest of us.

Mitchell's clients say he bragged about his famous uncle to get their business, then took their money and left their homes a mess.

His victims have set up a [Facebook page here](#).

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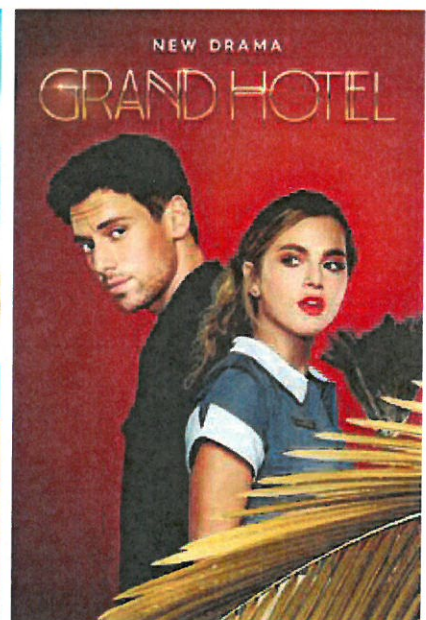
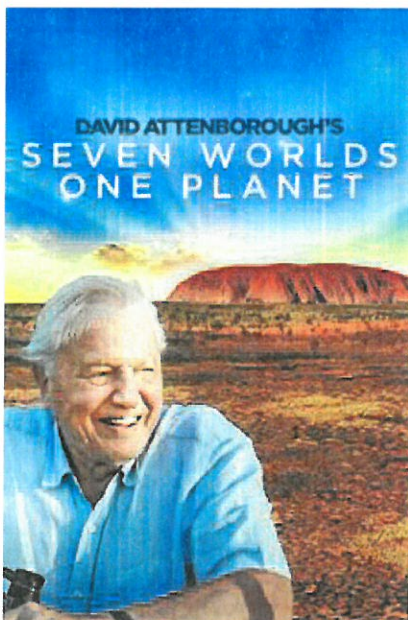


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PM urges nephew's angry customers to report him to cops



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The nephew of Prime Minister Scott Morrison has allegedly been exposed as a dodgy builder, who customers claim uses his uncle's name to rip off hardworking families.

Mitchell Cole has been operating in Sydney's south for several years, where three of his alleged victims have come forward to *A Current Affair*.

They claim he dropped the Prime Minister's name on numerous occasions and even showed them photos of himself at Kirribilli House last Christmas for a family gathering.

Fay Voyiatsis says she paid Mitchell Cole \$56,000 to do a balcony extension, pergola and some retaining walls.

He seemed to have good credentials.



Builder Mitchell Cole uses his uncle's name to drum up business before making off with his customers' money, angry clients say. (A Current Affair)

"He showed us pictures of him and his family, including his uncle Mr Scott Morrison, having Christmas together," she said.

Fay believes Mitchell Cole used his connection from the Prime Minister to convince her to trust him, before taking off with her money.

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"He's taken our dreams and turned them into a nightmare," she said.



Mitchell Cole is the nephew by marriage of Prime Minister Scott Morrison and attended a family Christmas lunch at Kirribilli. (A Current Affair)

"I think he's a con artist there's no other way to put it, I think he's a very bad person.

Fay doesn't believe the Prime Minister should be held responsible, but she believes he should do something now he is aware.



Fay Voyiatsis said she paid \$56,000 to Mitchell Cole. (A Current Affair)

"I don't think he's personally responsible for his nephew, but as our Prime Minister now he's aware of this and the fact it's touched so close to him and his extended family I think it would be the right thing for him to do to take it upon himself to make sure things are put right," she said.

Father of two James McCall says he paid Mitchell Cole \$23,000 to tile his pool and erect some fencing.

"He would reply and say, 'I'm busy call you back in an hour's time' and never do. He would message and say, 'I'll be around tomorrow, and I'll see you then' and he'll never show up," he said.



Fay said her yard remained undone. (A Current Affair)

James said the small amount of work Mitchell did do, was riddled with issues.

Vanessa Corsar and Peter Flanagan used Mitchell Cole to do an extension on their house.



James McCall was so angered he wrote to the Prime Minister. (A Current Affair)

"I just saw it as a young guy trying to get a foot forward and I tried to support him in that," Peter said.

In total, they claim they paid him \$26,000 - later realising Mitchell didn't even hold a building licence.

"He just stopped communicating, he just disappeared," Vanessa said.

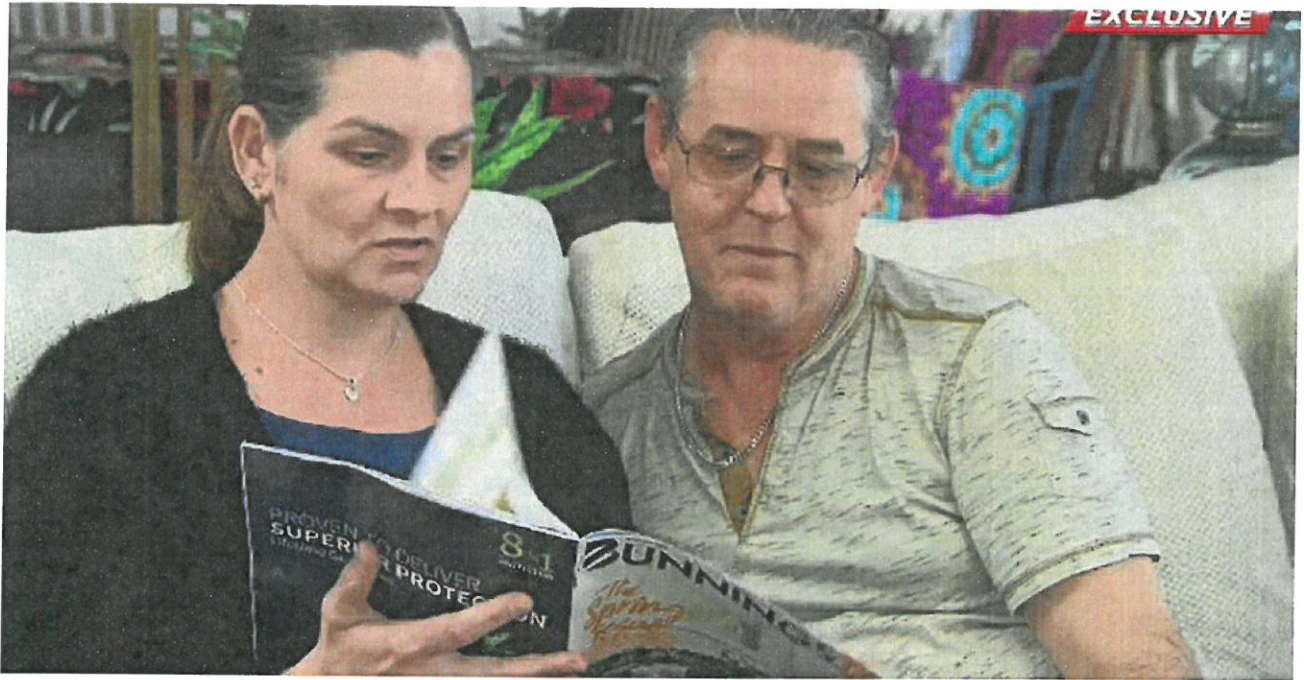


James claimed he paid \$23,000 to have his pool tiled and fencing erected. (A Current Affair)

"I've just tried to go down all legal avenues to communicate and re-coup money," Peter said.

Mitchell Cole is well known to the Department of Fair Trading.

He has been convicted six times and fined more than \$60,000 for carrying out work without a licence.



Vanessa Corsar and Peter Flanagan also hired Mitchell Cole. (A Current Affair)

But he still continues to operate, changing business names multiple times to avoid getting caught.

"I'm still surprised that he's still been able to get away with this, that's where my shock is," Vanessa said.

"Here he is still thumbing his nose at the law, thinking 'look at me'. So my question is, where does it stop? How does it stop?"



Mitchell Cole ran when approached by A Current Affair's Alex Bernhardt. (A Current Affair)

The Prime Minister is aware of the allegations surrounding his nephew.

Earlier this month he responded to a letter from James McCall, describing the information he relayed to him as "deeply concerning".

"Mitchell is my nephew by marriage and a result occasionally attends family events. However, that is the extent of contact I have with Mitchell," Mr Morrison wrote.

The Prime Minister also urged James to report any of his concerns to the police and other relevant authorities.



Mitchell Cole has been fined more than \$60,000 by the Department of Fair Trading. (A Current Affair)

"Mitchell, like anyone else, should be held fully accountable for any of his actions. No one should have to go through what you have experienced," Mr Morrison wrote.

"What I'm hoping is that he will see or feel that it is the right thing to get behind his nephew's victims and support us to make sure we do obtain justice and whatever justice needs to come through to this person is done so," Fay said.

A call up for Christmas lunch at the lodge seems unlikely for Mitchell Cole this year.

His alleged victims have set up a [Facebook page](#) with more information.

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The Lodge Canberra

18 OCT 2019

Mr James and Mrs Aimee McCall

Dear Mr and Mrs McCall

I write to you in response to your email of 16 September about your recent experience with Mitchell Cole.

The information you have relayed to me is deeply concerning.

It is true that Mitchell is my nephew by marriage and as a result occasionally attends family events. However, this is the extent of the contact I have with Mitchell.

You indicated that you alerted the Department of Fair Trading, as you should. If you believe that any crimes have been committed, you should immediately report any and all of your concerns to the NSW Police and other relevant authorities. Mitchell, like anyone else, should be held fully accountable for any of his actions.

No one should have to go through what you have experienced.

Yours sincerely

Scott Morrison



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