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**CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION
AGAINST ELEVEN CONTRACTORS**

(Henderson, NV) - At its meeting on December 7, 2004, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases against eleven (11) licensed contractors.

Sandy Thomas Onofre dba O M C Builder, license number 54173 (Residential and Small Commercial) and *C D S Construction Defect Specialists*, license number 56662 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for misrepresentation of a material fact; and a fraudulent act in the capacity of a contractor. The Board revoked the licenses of Sandy Thomas Onofre dba O M C Builder and C D S Construction Defect Specialists and the companies were assessed the cost of investigation.

All Quality Air, license number 45987 (Refrigeration and Air Conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; contracting beyond the scope of the license; failure to provide required Residential Recovery Fund disclosures; willful disregard of building laws; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$1,300 and assessed the cost of investigation. The license was placed on probation for one year.

Sahara Landscape Inc., license number 50024 (Landscape Contracting) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; willful disregard of building laws; contracting beyond the scope of the license; failure to provide required Residential Recovery Fund disclosures; and failure to comply with the terms of a contract or written warranty. The licensee was fined \$2,200, assessed the cost of investigation, required to pay \$10,000 restitution to the homeowner and required to submit to a Business Review.*

American Fire and Electric, license numbers 36762 (Electrical Contracting) and 36942 (Fire Protection) and *Sun Spots, LLC* dba The Free Energy Store, license number 56042 (Solar Water and Space Heating) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; failure to provide required Residential Recovery Fund disclosures; contracting beyond the scope of the license; abandonment of a construction project; entering into contract with an unlicensed individual; and combining with an unlicensed person to commit an unauthorized act. The licensees were

fined \$2,200, assessed the cost of investigation, and required to submit to a Business Review* for both companies.

Interior Coverings Inc., license number 49907 (Finishing Floors) and ***Interior Coverings Inc. dba Cover It***, license numbers 49962 (Install Terrazzo and Marble) and 49963 (Wood Flooring) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; failure to provide required Residential Recovery Fund disclosures; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal. The licenses of Interior Coverings Inc., and Interior Coverings Inc. dba Cover It were voluntarily surrendered contingent upon \$4,500 restitution to be paid to the homeowner.

Gardens by Simon, license number 55680 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; abandonment of a construction project; diversion of money or property; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; contracting beyond the scope of the license; failure to provide required Residential Recovery Fund disclosures; and illegal advertising. The Board revoked the license of Gardens by Simon.

Elisha Durham, license number 53886 (Carpentry) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with a notice to correct; failure to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; failure to provide Residential Recovery Fund disclosures; contracting beyond the scope of the license; contracting in excess of established license limit; willful disregard of building laws; contracting with a suspended or revoked license; failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal; failure to provide disclosures required by a general building contractor; abandonment of a construction project; failure to comply with the terms of a contract or written warranty; and failure to diligently execute a construction project causing material injury. The Board revoked the license of Elisha Durham.

Palomar Patio Builders., license number 31652 (Carpentry) based out of Las Vegas, Nevada was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for abandonment of a construction project; failure to pay for materials or services; a fraudulent or deceitful act in the capacity of a contractor; failure to establish financial responsibility; contracting beyond the scope of the license; and failure to include license number and monetary limit on a contract or proposal. The Board revoked the license of Palomar Patio Builders.

****The Business Review Program is one in which contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB investigative staff. The program is a part of NSCB's proactive investigative efforts.***

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

The Board will convene next in Henderson, NV on January 19, 2005.