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***** HOMEOWNER/CONTRACTOR ALERT *****

**Joseph McKenna And Richard Bryce Added
To NSCB'S Ten Most Wanted In Northern Nevada**



Joseph McKenna



Richard W. Bryce, Jr.

Joseph Paul McKenna, dba Building Store Inc. and Richard W. Bryce, Jr., dba Northridge Remodeling, have been added to the Nevada State Contractors Board's Ten Most Wanted.

McKenna is facing a misdemeanor charge of *contracting without a license* and felony charges of *obtaining money under false pretenses* and *diversion of funds* for allegedly contracting with two Northern Nevada homeowners as an unlicensed contractor.

Warrants for his arrest have been issued by Reno Justice Court.

McKenna allegedly took a \$5,052.40 deposit from a Washoe County resident for the construction of a 30- by 60-foot steel building and diverted the money for another use. Also, McKenna allegedly received a \$2,849 deposit from a Wellington, NV, homeowner on a \$14,249 bid for the construction of a 30- by 40-foot frontier building. He failed to construct the building or provide any building materials. Bruce Ostrander of Versatube Building Systems in Memphis, Tenn, said McKenna didn't pay his company approximately \$20,000 for three metal buildings and engineering support.

The NSCB also recently submitted a warrant request for McKenna to the Douglas County District Attorney's Office on a misdemeanor charge of *contracting without a license* with regards to the Wellington, NV, homeowner's charges.

Bryce, a former licensed Nevada contractor, license number 73081 (Carpentry, Remodeling & Repairs), based out of Reno, NV, had his license revoked recently for violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for diversion of funds; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license and failure to establish financial responsibility.

A warrant for his arrest has been issued by Reno Justice Court on a felony *charge of diversion of funds*. He allegedly entered into a contract with a Washoe Valley homeowner for the installation of a 30- by 60-foot slab with a 10- by 60-foot apron, which was outside the scope of his license. The homeowner gave Bryce a \$9,750 deposit, which he did not return and did no work.

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“Unlicensed contractors can cost consumers thousands of dollars. They carry no insurance, are not bonded and have not met any standards of the trade they may be performing,” stated Margi Grein, Executive Officer of the Nevada State Contractors Board. “It is important for consumers to check the license status of any company before hiring them at our website: www.nscb.state.nv.us .”

The Special Investigations Unit of the Nevada State Contractors Board is hard at work tracking and citing offenders and informing the public of their rights and responsibilities. To assist in prosecuting illegal contracting, the Nevada State Contractors Board has launched an online “Ten Most Wanted.” Individuals listed on the Ten Most Wanted website pages are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity.

Contractors and members of the public can go online at: www.nscb.state.nv.us and click “Ten Most Wanted” to review suspects’ profiles. The website includes contact numbers to provide information about the individuals profiled.

The person(s) listed on the Nevada State Contractors Board Ten Most Wanted website and in press releases have not been convicted of the charges and are presumed innocent.

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