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NSCB Investigators Catch Unlicensed Contractors

In Northwest Las Vegas Sting Operation

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on Oct. 19, 2005, in Northwest Las Vegas in which two citations were issued for four violations.

One citation was issued for submitting a bid for painting and unlawful advertising. The second citation was for submitting a bid for a granite countertop and unlawful advertising. A bid was received by fax for the installation of flagstone from a subject with prior convictions, and felony charges will be filed with the District Attorney's office. One individual fled from the scene. Charges against him will also be filled with the District Attorney's office.

Contacting without a license in Nevada is a misdemeanor for the first offense, a gross misdemeanor for the second offense and a Class E felony for the third offense.

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Homeowners should not use unlicensed contractors because their work is generally poor quality, they are often uninsured and may not maintain workman's compensation coverage for their employees, and the homeowner may be liable for all injuries to workers. Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

Consumers can check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us

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