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NSCB Ten Most Wanted Mau Arrested



Taliauli Kaipelea Mau, wanted by the Nevada State Contractors Board for engaging in business without a contractor's license, was arrested Monday and booked into the Washoe County Jail. He was booked on two warrants for failure to appear in Sparks and Reno Justice Courts on the Contractors Board citations and one warrant issued by Reno Justice Court for failure to comply with the court in regard to a citation issued by the Contractors Board for engaging in business without a contractor's license. Mau is the fifth Ten Most Wanted arrested since October.

The Nevada State Contractors Board warns homeowners to hire only licensed contractors. To assist in prosecuting illegal contracting, the Board has launched an online "Ten Most Wanted" list of individuals. Individuals posted on the Ten Most Wanted website are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity. Homeowners may check whether a contractor is licensed by going to www.nscb.state.nv.us or by contacting the NSCB at (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada.

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The NSCB urges consumers to follow these simple tips when dealing with a contractor:

- **Hire only licensed contractors. Ask to see the license.**
- **Don't rush into decisions or hire without checking out potential contractors.**
- **Be especially wary when approached by someone offering home improvements door-to-door.**
- **Verify the contractor's licensed by checking online at www.nscb.state.nv.us or via automated phone service at (702) 486-1100 (Las Vegas), or (775) 688-1141 (Reno).**
- **Ensure the contractor is properly licensed for the work you want done on your home.**
- **Limit the amount of your down payment or deposit to 10 percent of the total contract.**
- **Don't pay cash without obtaining signed receipts, and don't let the payments get ahead of the work.**

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