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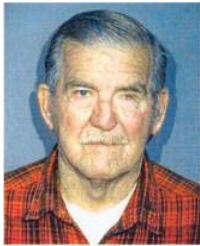
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## **NSCB Investigators Apprehend Two**

### **Unlicensed Contractors In Northern Nevada**



Thomas Rae and Javier Garcia-Jimenez

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators and community liaison officers of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 7, 2005, apprehended Thomas Francis Rae, 64, of Reno on a misdemeanor warrant for unlawful advertising without a contractor's license and Javier Garcia-Jimenez, 33, of Reno on a misdemeanor for failure to obey a court order with regards to a charge of contracting without a contractor's license.

Both men were arrested and booked by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

Contracting 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: (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada and (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: **[www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us)**

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