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NSCB Cites Unlicensed Asphalt Pavers



As the result of a recent commercial business scam alert, from which a local businessman responded, the Nevada State Contractors Board cited Samuel Valentine Stewart of Metro Paving on Feb. 7 for engaging in business without a contractor's license. Stewart had illegally offered a bid to pave a Las Vegas company's parking lot. Metro Paving, licensed in Arizona under the license number ROC177991, is not licensed in Nevada

Valentine, with a residential driver's license issued in Illinois, was driving a late model black, four-door Ford truck with Illinois plates 2858AR. He is believed to be operating illegally with two other "Traveler" companies that were recently identified soliciting business along Boulder Highway under the names of CAP Parking Lots Paving, using a phony Las Vegas address, and J.H. Stanley, using a Gardena, Calif., address. Neither of these companies is licensed to do paving in Nevada, California or neighboring Arizona.

These illegal contractors have been identified as driving three older Chevy

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pickups – one white, another black and a red vehicle pulling a flatbed trailer carrying a yellow pavement roller. None of the vehicles had license plates or business advertising on the sides.

These illegal pavers' workmanship of cold-rolled paving for potholes and entire commercial parking lots is substandard and will deteriorate rapidly.

Residents approached by these companies are urged to contact the Contractors Board's Special Investigation Unit immediately at: (702) 486-1144.

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.

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers these 10 tips to protect yourself from being scammed:

1. Hire only licensed contractors.
2. Check the contractor's license number by calling the Nevada State Contractors Board at (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada, or go to our website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us
3. Get three references and review past work.
4. Get at least three bids.
5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
6. Pay 10% down or \$1,000, whichever is less, if a deposit is required.
7. Don't let payments get ahead of the work. Keep a record of all payments.
8. Don't make a final payment until you are satisfied with the job.
9. Don't pay cash.
10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.

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