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## **NSCB Investigators Cite Four Unlicensed Contractors In Southwest Las Vegas**

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on Feb. 23, 2006, in Southwest Las Vegas in which four unlicensed individuals were given criminal misdemeanor citations.

Those cited for submitting bids included: Anthony Loza, painting, (unlawful advertising); Ronald Fresquez, dba Emerald Desert Inc., landscaping, (contracting without a contractor's license and unlawful advertising); Mejia Gustavo, dba Lozano's Handyman Services, concrete, stucco, painting and drywall, (unlawful advertising); and Silvestre Lozano-Luevano, dba Lozano's Handyman Services, concrete, stucco, painting and drywall, (unlawful advertising).

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.

Homeowners should not use unlicensed contractors because their work is

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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](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us)

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