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NSCB Investigators Charge Nine Unlicensed Contractors In Southwest Las Vegas Sting Operation

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on March 15, 2007, in the I-215 and Charleston Boulevard area of Las Vegas in which nine unlicensed contractors were charged for *contracting without a license*.

Porfirio Flores, dba Yocmar Lawn Service, landscaping; Jonathan Goulding, dba Budget Lawn Care, landscaping; Mei Dai Dong, dba Modern Building Granite Supply, installation of granite countertops; Robert Bernstein, dba Moulding Craftsman, installation of crown molding and unlawful advertising; Ricardo Salgado, installation of floor tile and unlawful advertising; Vladimir Karkmazyan, dba USA Plumbing & Electrical, installation of electrical wiring; Freddy Diaz, dba Freddy's Landscaping and Maintenance, criminal case opened, unlawful advertising; Adalberto Gomez, dba Gomez Services, criminal case opened, landscaping, unlawful advertising; Angel's Tree Service (contractor unknown), criminal case opened, landscaping, 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.

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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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