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**NSCB Investigators Cite Three Unlicensed Contractors  
In Northern Nevada Sting Operations**

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted sting operations on April 3 and 30 in the Cold Springs and Northwest areas of Reno where three unlicensed contractors were given criminal misdemeanor citations.

Uona Taumalolo, dba Mokofisi Construction, concrete work, *advertising without a license*; Timmie Kuenzi, dba Four Seasons Landscape Improvement, concrete work, *contracting without a license and advertising without a license*; and Luis Estaban Vazquez-Martinez, dba Noah's Arc, pavers, *contracting without a license*.

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 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.

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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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