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## California Contractors Board Nabs Two Unlicensed Nevada Contractors In Lake Tahoe Fire Area

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) arrested two unlicensed Nevada contractors attempting to do work in the Lake Tahoe (Angora) Fire Disaster Area as part of a July 4<sup>th</sup> sting operation. Three other unlicensed California contractors were also arrested and sent to jail.

The Nevadans who were arrested include:

**William Tanner** and **Troy Meadows**, both from Gardnerville, NV.

CSLB Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) members posed as homeowners and invited the unlicensed contractors to bid on various debris removal and construction projects. The CSLB has had investigators in the fire area since June 26, meeting homeowners and conducting daily sweeps.

Contracting for work in California, as well as Nevada, without a valid contractor's license is against the law. Homeowners in the California fire disaster area are urged to make sure a contractor is licensed in California by checking online at: [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov), or call the CSLB's automated phone service at: 1-800-321-CSLB (2752).

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To see if a contractor is licensed in the State of Nevada, go online to:  
[www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us) or call (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada or (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada.

**The NSCB urges consumers to follow these simple tips when dealing with a contractor:**

- **Hire only licensed contractors. Ask to see the license.**
- **Don't rush into decisions or hire without checking out potential contractors.**
- **Be especially wary when approached by someone offering home improvements door-to door.**
- **Verify the contractor's licensed by checking online at [www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us) or via automated phone service at (702) 486-1100 (Southern Nevada), or (775) 688-1141 (Northern Nevada).**
- **Ensure the contractor is properly licensed for the work you want done on your home.**
- **Limit the amount of your down payment or deposit to 10 percent of the total contract.**
- **Don't pay cash without obtaining signed receipts, and don't let the payments get ahead of the work.**

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