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## Northern Nevada Unlicensed Contractor Alert!

### **Unlicensed Traveling Asphalt Paver Reported in West Reno Area**

The Nevada State Contractors Board is warning homeowners to beware of an unlicensed traveling paving company, **State Paving**, currently soliciting businesses in the west Reno area. This company *is not* licensed to do paving in Nevada.

This unlicensed paver has been spotted driving a 10-wheeled orange dump truck, and going by the name of **Joshua Stanley** with a New Freedom, Pa., address. These travelers have been in the Reno area for approximately three weeks.

Members of the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) in California recently tracked one family of travelers from San Diego to Los Angeles. They were caught doing a paving job at a local church, where law enforcement officials impounded their trailer and various paving equipment – saving the church \$6,000.

Travelers roaming the Northern Nevada area and California are believed to be driving six new orange dump trucks, towing pavers and rollers, with Michigan or New

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Hampshire license plates. Both contractors' boards and law enforcement officials believe these travelers are attempting to do several paving jobs in Nevada and California because there are reports that they are purchasing up to ***four*** dump-truck loads of asphalt ***per day***.

These unlicensed contractors traditionally crisscross the United States in groups. Typically, they target the elderly with door-to-door solicitations, claiming to be in the neighborhood with leftover materials, quoting low prices and using high-pressure sales tactics.

Historically, these types of traveling pavers' workmanship are substandard and will deteriorate rapidly. Residents approached by either Joshua Stanley or representatives from State Paving are urged to contact the Nevada State Contractors Board Investigation Unit immediately at: (775) 688-1141. **This alert is for all of Northern Nevada.**

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](http://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.

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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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