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## Northern Nevada Traveling Contractor Cited In Reno



Joshua J. Stanley II

Three out-of-state men, alleged to be *contracting without a license* and using the company name **State Paving**, were identified by investigators of the Nevada State Contractors Board in Reno on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007.

The NSCB identified: Joshua J. Stanley II, 21, and two other men believed to be either from New Hampshire or Massachusetts. Stanley II is described as a white male, 6' 3", 170 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. He allegedly sold a paving job to a Reno resident for \$1,200 and later tried to invoice the customer for \$13,000. He allegedly settled for a check of \$5,000 and cashed it immediately. Stanley II was cited by the NSCB for *contracting without a license*.

State Paving was allegedly soliciting paving businesses in the west Reno area. This company *is not* licensed to do paving in Nevada.

State Paving employees, believed to be doing business in Northern Nevada

and California, were observed driving four new orange dump trucks, towing pavers and rollers, with Michigan or New Hampshire license plates.



**Those identified were spotted driving this bright orange 10-wheeled dump truck.**

Unlicensed traveling 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 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)

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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.
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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