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CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST FIVE CONTRACTORS IN NEVADA

(Henderson, NV) - At its meeting on Oct. 24, 2007, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases involving five contractors.

Canepa Construction & Development, license number 15326 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Reno, NV, had its license suspended until an involuntary bankruptcy is resolved.

R.K. Rue, Inc., dba C.D.I. and The Affordable Handyman, license numbers 63774 and 67293 (Residential & Small Commercial and Carpentry) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay any money due for any materials or services rendered; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; and failure to include the monetary license limit and license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$7,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund, plus fines and investigative costs prior to consideration of future licensure. The licenses were revoked.

Nevada State Builders, Inc., license number 58489 (Residential & Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for allowing a license to be used by an unlicensed person; aiding or abetting an unlicensed person; abandonment of a construction project; failure to prosecute a construction project with reasonable diligence; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to discharge a lien; diversion of funds; failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal; failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$10,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs and pay \$224,356.86 in restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund, plus fines and investigative costs prior to consideration of future licensure. The license was revoked.

All Star Landscaping Corp., license number 59196 (Landscaping) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for willful disregard of the laws of the state regarding industrial insurance; failure to respond to a written request from the Board;

failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$2,500 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund, plus fines and investigative costs prior to consideration of future licensure. The license was revoked.

Under the Son Excavating, Inc., license number 55421 (Excavating and Grading and Wrecking Buildings) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for willful disregard of the safety laws of the state; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change. The licensee was fined \$1,750 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund, plus fines and investigative costs prior to consideration of future licensure. The license was revoked.

****The Business Review Program is one in which a contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB investigative staff. The program is a part of NSCB's proactive investigative efforts.**

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

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