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**Three Unlicensed Contractors Added
To Top 10 Wanted In Northern Nevada**



Brennan



Franchini



Pursley

Jamie David Brennan, Jeri Dean Franchini and Rodney Lee Pursley have been added to the Nevada State Contractors Board's Ten Most Wanted in Northern Nevada. Brennan is

wanted on two Reno Justice Court misdemeanors of *contracting without a license* and *advertising without a license*. Franchini is wanted on a gross misdemeanor for *use of a false license* and a misdemeanor of *contracting without a license*, both from Reno Justice Court. Pursley is wanted on two misdemeanors counts of failure to comply after conviction of *contracting without a license*.

Brennan, dba T & J Painting, allegedly went door to door soliciting business and accepted a payment of 50 percent to paint the exterior of a home, but abandoned the project before it was completed. Franchini allegedly pulled a building permit to do

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electrical work on a commercial property in Reno, and allegedly using the business name and contractor's license number of a licensed Nevada contractor. The Reno Building Department immediately revoked the permit before any work was done. Pursley, dba RNR Chimney, had been convicted of contracting without a license in Sparks Justice Court on Dec. 27, 2006, for contracting to re-roof and paint a home in Sparks. The court ordered him to pay fines, investigative costs and \$3,740.97 in restitution to the homeowner. He failed to comply, and a warrant was issued. Pursley was also convicted of contracting without a license in Fernly Municipal Court on June 26, 2006, for contracting to do plumbing, air conditioning, carpentry and flooring for a Fernley homeowner. He was ordered to pay fines and investigative costs and failed to comply with the court order.

To assist in prosecuting illegal contracting, the Nevada State Contractors Board has launched an online "Ten Most Wanted." Individuals listed on the Ten Most Wanted website pages are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity.

The person(s) listed on the Nevada State Contractors Board Ten Most Wanted website and in press releases have not been convicted of the charges and are presumed innocent.

Contractors and members of the public can go online at www.nscb.state.nv.us and click "Ten Most Wanted" on the quick-link menu to review suspect's profiles. The website includes contact numbers to provide information about the individuals profiled.

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Homeowners who use the services of a revoked or suspended contractor are not eligible for recovery of their damages through the Residential Recovery Fund. The NSCB urges the public to hire only licensed contractors in good standing with the Board.

Consumers can verify contractors' licenses and obtain helpful tips for working with contractors by calling (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada, or (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada. Licenses can be verified 24 hours a day by logging on to www.nscb.state.nv.us.

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 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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