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NSCB Investigators Cite Five Contractors In Southern Nevada For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on Nov. 15, 2007, near Wagon Wheel and Boulder Highway where five contractors were given misdemeanor citations for alleged unlicensed contracting activities.

Those who received criminal citations and ordered to appear in court for allegedly *contracting without a license* by submitting bids were:

Eric Warren Renholm, painting, *contracting without a license*; **Daniel Ramos Cardenas**, dba Silverstate Landscape, landscaping, *contracting without a license*; **Vladimir Karkmazyan**, dba American Electrical Services, electrical work, *contracting without a license* and a *gross misdemeanor* of misuse of a license. He was previously cited under the name USA Plumbing and Electrical; **John Allen Sanders**, painting, *contracting without a license*; and **Oscar Adrian Anaya**, concrete work, *contracting without a license*.

Contracting 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.

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Homeowners should not use unlicensed contractors because their work is generally poor quality, they are often uninsured and may not maintain workman's compensation coverage for their employees, and the homeowner may be liable for all injuries to workers.

Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

Consumers can check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: **www.nscb.state.nv.us**

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