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**NSCB Investigators Nab Five Contractors
For Alleged Unlicensed Activity**

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on June 19, 2008, in the eastern area of Henderson for alleged unlicensed contracting activity.

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

Charles R. Brown, dba Dads Handyman Service, submitted a *bid for painting*; **Anthony Sarri** submitted a *bid for painting*; **Gerardo Castro**, dba G C Painting, submitted a *bid for painting* and **Demetrio Mamuad**, dba Aloha Lawn Service, submitted a *bid to do landscaping*.

Justin Van Nest, dba Obsidian, Inc., *submitted a bid for landscaping* and enforcement is pending.

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

The NSCB recommends that homeowners 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.

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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