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Eight Nevada Contractors Nabbed For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators in Southern and Northern Nevada recently conducted sting operations for alleged unlicensed contracting activity. Eight contractors were cited:

In Southern Nevada, those cited included:

Pablo Rodriguez submitted a bid for concrete work and was issued a criminal citation for *submitting a bid without a license* and *unlawful advertising*.

Adam J. Smith submitted a bid for electrical work and was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license* and *unlawful advertising*.

Michael O. Hardy, dba A-A Rainbow Painting, submitted a bid for painting and was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*.

Clifford R. Gardner submitted a bid for electrical work. Criminal charges will be filed with the Clark County District Attorney's Office.

Edward C. Hamilton responded to provide a bid for electrical work. Criminal charges will be filed with the Clark County District Attorney's Office.

Michael E. Serwicki responded to provide a bid for electrical work. Criminal charges will be filed with the Clark County District Attorney's Office.

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In Northern Nevada, those cited included:

Travis Conklin, dba Serpro of Reno Southwest, submitted a bid to remove sheet rock, cabinets and flooring and was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*.

Pedro Guajardo, dba Azteca Landscaping, LLC., submitted a bid for the installation of pavers. Due to a prior conviction for *contracting without a license*, a warrant for Guajardo's arrest has been sought from Reno Justice Court.

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.

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 by clicking on the "**Contractor License Search & Disciplinary Actions Search**" icon.

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