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You Know You're Having A Bad Day When...
Northern Nevada Unlicensed Contractor Gets Unexpected Surprise

On July 1, 2009, a Nevada State Contractors Board criminal investigator contacted who he thought was an out-of-state unlicensed contractor soliciting business in Northern Nevada. As it turned out, it was a Nevada unlicensed contractor who showed up at the Reno Contractors Board office to bid on a parking lot paving job. He met the NSCB investigator in the parking lot in front of the Contractors Board office, after driving by a sign that said **Nevada State Contractors Board**.

After receiving a bid for \$6,000 our criminal investigator issued **Frankie Urich, dba Dun Rite Asphalt**, a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. The Fallon, NV, company owner was shocked by his dumfounded blunder. His startled response, "Damn!"

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.

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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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