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### **Eight Contractors Cited For Alleged Unlicensed Activity**

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators recently conducted sting operations in Northern and Southern Nevada for unlicensed contracting activity. Eight individuals were identified for allegedly being unlicensed.

Individuals cited in the Reno/Sparks area included:

**Kris Youngquist** received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He had submitted a bid for electrical work. Youngquist was advertising his services on Craig's List as "Electrician for Hire."

**Douglas Vaughn** received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He had submitted a bid for electrical work. Vaughn was advertising his services on Craig's List as "Electrician-Journeyman."

**Scott Garrett, dba SG Sierra Services**, cancelled license number 67300 (*Painting and Decorating*), received a criminal citation for contracting without a license. He was cited for painting a house in Sparks.

Individuals cited in North Las Vegas included:

**Jose Luis Del Toro-Vargas** received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He had submitted a bid for the installation of a concrete driveway.

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**Jose Alvarado-Leon** received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He had submitted a bid for the installation of kitchen cabinets and a granite countertop.

**Ricardo Morales** received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He had submitted a bid for the installation of a walkway cover.

**Abraham Solano** received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He had submitted a bid for landscaping.

**Arturio Tapia-Ramirez** received a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. He had submitted a bid to tile and plaster a swimming pool.

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](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us) by clicking on the "**Contractor License Search & Disciplinary Actions Search**" icon.

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