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CONSUMER ALERT **CONTRACTORS BOARD WARNS OF CRAIGSLIST ACTIVITY** **BY 'MOST WANTED' CONTRACTOR**

HENDERSON, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) is issuing a consumer alert to all Southern Nevada residents utilizing Craigslist to find contractors to perform work around their home. Unlicensed contractor Neil Brodsky actively posts advertisements on Craigslist for plumbing services, claiming to be a licensed contractor, and uses “Family Man” and “Licensed Plumber” in addition to other headings in his advertisements. Brodsky often changes his advertisement, has been known to use different aliases, and when asked, claims to be affiliated with a named licensed company.

“The Board has zero tolerance for unlicensed contractors who refuse to abide by Nevada’s contracting laws,” said Margi Grein, NSCB executive officer. “Mr. Brodsky and the others on our ‘Most Wanted’ list should know that we will not stop with our efforts until they are brought to justice. Nevada homeowners deserve honest, licensed contractors who value safety and quality of work above all else.”

Brodsky was added to NSCB’s Most Wanted list February 9, 2010 for engaging in business or submitting bids without a license (NRS 624.700 violation), unlawful advertising (NRS 624.720 violation), and obtaining money by false pretenses (NRS 205.380 violation) among others. Brodsky currently has three active warrants for his arrest (one felony, one gross misdemeanor, and one misdemeanor) with additional warrants pending. NSCB has several complaints from Southern Nevada consumers against Brodsky that are currently being investigated.

Consumers are urged to contact NSCB if they come into contact with Brodsky. NSCB encourages consumers looking for contractors to perform work to follow these ten tips:

1. Only hire licensed contractors.
2. Check the contractor’s license number by utilizing our Online Contractor Search at www.nscb.nv.gov
3. Get three references and review past work.
4. Get at least three bids.
5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
6. For pool contracts, pay 10% down or \$1,000 - whichever is less, if a deposit is required.
7. Don’t let payments get ahead of the work. Keep a record of all payments.
8. Don’t make a final payment until you are satisfied with the job.
9. Don’t pay cash.
10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.

Additional information for consumers is available on NSCB’s website at www.nscb.nv.gov

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MEDIA NOTE: Picture of Neil Brodsky below (.jpg file can be sent electronically upon request)



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