



NSCB News Release



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 19, 2012

CONTACT: Jennifer Turner
Public Information Officer
(702) 486-1139

CONTRACTORS BOARD PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL STING **TARGETING UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS**

HENDERSON, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) in partnership with contractor boards from Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, and also the National Association of State Contractor Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) participated in a joint sting event targeting individuals advertising on online and electronic bulletin boards without a license and contracting without a license. NSCB held a one-day sting in both Las Vegas and Reno netting 10 citations against unlicensed contractors.

“Unlicensed contracting is a serious issue impacting states across the nation. Of utmost concern is the health and safety of the public who places their trust in individuals falsely claiming to be qualified and licensed by the State,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “By coming together as a nation to address this growing concern, we are increasing our opportunities to educate homeowners of the risks and liabilities of using unlicensed contractors, while sending a clear message to unlicensed contractors that their gimmicks will not be tolerated.”

NSCB advises homeowners utilizing online sources, such as craigslist, to search for advertisements placed by contractors to do so with caution. It is important homeowners remember:

- Plumbing, electrical, and HVAC services require a licensed contractor in the State of Nevada– these services *cannot* be performed by a “handyman”;
- All advertisements for work requiring a contractor’s license must have a contractor’s license number posted on the advertisement;
- Homeowners who contract with unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund;
- Contracts made with an unlicensed contractor are not recognized/valid in the State of Nevada; and
- Always verify the contractor’s license number on NSCB’s website at www.nscb.nv.gov.

Below are details of each alleged violation for which a citation was issued:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>VIOLATION</u>
Napier Simon	Henderson	Unlawful advertising (NRSC 624.720)
Andrew Ralph Leos	Las Vegas	Unlawful advertising (NRS 624.720)
Joshua Brandon Holmes	Henderson	Unlawful advertising (NRS 624.720)
George N. Naumis	Henderson	Unlawful advertising (NRS 624.720)
Yacobof D. Menashe	Las Vegas	Unlawful advertising (NRS 624.720)
Joseph P. Dephillips II	Las Vegas	Unlawful advertising (NRS 624.720)
Alfredo Alvarez	Las Vegas	Unlawful advertising (NRS 624.720)
Isiah Daniel Calvillo	Las Vegas	Unlawful advertising (NRS 624.720)
Antonio Cuuz Baltazar	Las Vegas	Unlawful advertising (NRS 624.720)
Christopher J. Diebler	Fernley	Submitting a bid without a license (NRS 624.700)

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.

Reports from other participating states in this sting event can be found on [NASCLA's website](#).

#

Visit our website: www.nscb.nv.gov

Join our social media network to receive current industry updates:

