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EIGHT UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS CITED IN CONTRACTORS BOARD STING

HENDERSON, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) conducted an unlicensed contractor sting in N. Las Vegas, Jan. 30, resulting in the issuance of eight citations for alleged violations of engaging in business or submitting a bid without a contractor’s license (NRS 624.700) and advertising without a contractor’s license (NRS 624.720). The eight individuals cited collectively bid a total of \$23,463 in contracts; the highest bid coming in at \$11,260.

“Unlicensed contractors are jeopardizing the safety of homeowners and placing them at unnecessary risk every day,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “Their ‘too good to be true’ bids often lure homeowners into hiring them, and it isn’t until poor workmanship or incomplete projects result that the homeowner realizes the protections they’ve lost to seek recourse and assistance. It’s an unfortunate cycle and one we aim to eliminate.”

The Board encourages anyone who comes across unlicensed contracting activities to report the information to the **NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (702) 486-1100 or (775) 850-7838**. Details to provide the Board, when available, include the unlicensed contractor’s name, address (business and/or physical location where work is being performed), phone number, vehicle description, license plate, business card and/or advertisement, contracts signed by the unlicensed individual, etc.

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

- Plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration 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;

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- 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:

SUSPECT'S NAME	CITY	VIOLATION	TRADE/CLASSIFICATION
Jose Camarena-Luna	Las Vegas	Contracting w/o a license	Concrete/C-5; Landscaping/C-10
Paul J. Amyot	Las Vegas	Advertising w/o a license	Finishing Floors/C-16; Tiling/C-20
Nicanor Martinez	Las Vegas	Contracting w/o a license	Concrete/C-5
John Halczak	Las Vegas	Contracting w/o a license	Finishing Floors/C-16
Tanya Chan	Las Vegas	Contracting w/o a license	Finishing Floors/C-16
Yair Kellman	Las Vegas	Contracting w/o a license	Electrical/C-2
Jordan G. Davidson	Las Vegas	Contracting w/o a license	Electrical/C-2
Kurt Holub	Las Vegas	Contracting w/o a license	Plumbing and Heating/C-1

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.

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