



NSCB News Release



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CONSUMER ALERT **LICENSED NEVADA CONTRACTOR ADDED TO MOST WANTED LIST**

PLEASE ADVISE HOMEOWNERS: There are multiple franchises in California under the company name Solar Universe, which are NOT affiliated with Kanan or Gal. Homeowners should always verify license information prior to entering into contracts.

RENO, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) has added licensed contractor Joshua Ross Kanan of Advanced Green Builders, Inc., license numbers 69549, 76325, 77731, and Dror Gal who was acting as a salesman for the company to its 'Most Wanted' list after warrants were issued by the Justice Court of Reno Township (warrant no. RCR2014-07570A and RCR2014-07570B) for both individuals, each containing six felony charges. Alleged violations include felony theft (NRS 205.0832; NRS 205.0835) and felony diversion of construction funds (NRS 624.750). NSCB is requesting the assistance of the public to contact the Board or their local police department with any information on the whereabouts of Kanan or Gal.

Kanan is a white male, approximately 6'3", 185 pounds, with brown hair and green eyes. Gal is a white male, approximately 5'10", 155 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. Both men use the company name of Advanced Green Builders, Inc. and are believed to also be working in and around Redding, Calif. All licenses issued under Advanced Green Builders, Inc. have been suspended since October 2013. A disciplinary hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2014.

Gal was allegedly acting as a salesman for Kanan, writing a total of three contracts for Advanced Green Builders, Inc. for solar-related projects. None of the projects were completed despite nearly \$9,500 being collected on the contracts. Additionally, Kanan and Gal are being charged for allegedly using a fictitious address on two contracts, using another contractor's company name without their permission, and fleeing the state when confronted of fraudulent actions. The Board requested enhanced charges of Kanan and Gal under Nevada Revised Statute 193.167, which permits an enhanced penalty if the crime is committed against a person 60 years or older, after learning five of the alleged victims met the state's criteria.

Information on Joshua Kanan or Dror Gal should be reported to the Board or local law enforcement officials:

Henderson Office
(702) 486-1160

Reno Office
(775) 850-7838

Red flag warnings of unscrupulous contractors:

- Unable to provide a business card/contact information/contractor's license number
- Contractor has "extra" materials from a previous job
- Contractor solicits work because they noticed issues with your home
- Contractor asks to perform a free inspection, followed by a laundry list of repairs that need to be made
- Contractor does not want to put the agreement in writing
- Contractor demands cash payment

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 NOTES:

- .jpg file of Kanan and Gal attached