



NSCB News Release



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CONSUMER ALERT **REVOKED CONTRACTOR ADDED TO MOST WANTED LIST**

HENDERSON and RENO, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) is issuing a consumer alert to all Nevada residents that unlicensed contractor, Graciela Banuelos-Gonzalez, has been added to NSCB's Most Wanted list. Banuelos-Gonzalez is also known as Graciela Gonzalez and Graciela Banuelos. She has been operating under the business name of "AA Granite and Marble" in Las Vegas, which has a revoked Nevada contractor's license, and is described as a Hispanic female, 5'-6", 170 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes.

Banuelos-Gonzalez has been the subject of multiple NSCB investigations and currently has four active warrants totaling \$138,000.00 issued by Las Vegas Justice Court. She will usually get a referral by an associate and will bid a job with the homeowner. Occasionally, she will partially complete a job and never return to finish it, keeping the homeowner's money. On other occasions, she will take the homeowner's money and never start the project.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts on Banuelos-Gonzalez or active projects she may be working on should call **NSCB's Unlicensed Contractor Hotline at: (775) 850-7838 or (702) 486-1160.**

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 Banuelos-Gonzalez attached