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CONTRACTORS BOARD BUSTS 29 UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS; ONE LICENSED CONTRACTOR IN NATIONAL STING OPERATION

Henderson and Reno, Nev. – On June 23, the Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) partnered with the North Las Vegas Police Department and Washoe County Sheriff’s Office to conduct three undercover sting operations across the state citing 29 unlicensed contractors for alleged violations of contracting and/or advertising without a license. One licensed contractor was identified for further investigation. The stings were part of a national event coordinated by the National Association of State Contractor Licensing Agencies (NASCLA). NSCB joined nine states across the country in targeting individuals illegally advertising services that require a license on online bulletins, such as Craigslist, Angie’s List, and social media sites.

“Contracting without a license is a serious criminal offense that creates a tremendous risk and loss of protection for the homeowner,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “Teaming up with other states across the nation to educate and cite unlicensed contractors for their unlawful activities, while also raising awareness among homeowners of the importance of hiring licensed contractors is a great opportunity that we look forward to participating again in the future.”

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 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:

SUSPECT'S NAME	CITY	VIOLATION
Randall S. Adkins	Reno	Advertising & Contracting w/o License
Abel Aguayo-Perez	Las Vegas	Contracting w/o License
Luis Arcila	Las Vegas	Advertising & Contracting w/o License
Dagoberto Delavalle-Delrio	Sparks	Contracting w/o License
Jerry Dotson	Sparks	Contracting w/o License
Dwayne Evans	Las Vegas	Advertising & Contracting w/o License
Christopher Hall	Las Vegas	Advertising & Contracting w/o License
Shane C. Hernandez	Sparks	Contracting w/o License
Christian Herz	Sparks	Advertising & Contracting w/o License
John Hultshouser	Sparks	Contracting w/o License
Adan Jaime-Ganados	Reno	Advertising w/o License
James P. Jervey, III	Reno	Advertising w/o License
Howard King	Las Vegas	Advertising & Contracting w/o License
Victor King	Las Vegas	Advertising & Contracting w/o License
Kevin A. Kluss	Reno	Advertising w/o License
Kurt Kozuch	Las Vegas	Advertising w/o License
Gregory S. Lang	Reno	Contracting w/o License
Marocs A. Mandragon-Gonzales	Reno	Contracting w/o License
Jerry May	Las Vegas	Advertising w/o License
Troy McKellips	Las Vegas	Advertising w/o License
Avi Moas	Las Vegas	Advertising w/o License
Uvani Odin Jimenez Sanchez	Las Vegas	Advertising w/o License
Omar Palacio	Las Vegas	Contracting w/o License

Robert Reed	Sparks	Contracting w/o License
Carlo Rodriguez	Las Vegas	Advertising & Contracting w/o License
Siavish Shamshirpourian	Sparks	Contracting w/o License
Lawrence Spiro	Las Vegas	Advertising w/o License
Andrew Stewart	Las Vegas	Advertising w/o License
Sandra J. Tyler	Reno	Contracting w/o License

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 at least three bids and check references.
4. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
5. For pool contracts, pay 10% down or \$1,000 - whichever is less, if a deposit is required.
6. Don't let payments get ahead of the work completed.
7. Don't make a final payment until you are satisfied with the job.
8. Never pay in cash.
9. Keep a job file of all documents, payments, and correspondence relating to your project.
10. Contact NSCB for assistance at ANY point during your project.

The Nevada State Contractors Board encourages anyone with information on suspected unlicensed contracting activities to contact the **NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (702) 486-1160 or (775) 850-7838**. If available, include the unlicensed contractor's name, business address, project location, phone number, and vehicle make, model, color and license plate number. When contracting for home repair and maintenance projects, always verify the contractor's license number on NSCB's website at www.nscb.nv.gov.

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MEDIA NOTE: Full details of all sting outcomes from the participating nine states can be found within [NASCLA's press release](#).

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