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ELDERLY VICTIM RECEIVES \$2,500 RESTITUTION; UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS PROBATION



Michael Scott Hoover

Wells, Nev. Justice was served on May 4, when Elko District Court sentenced Michael Scott Hoover of Hoover & Sons Handyman to 40 months in Nevada State Prison after Hoover pled “no contest” to a felony charge of Diversion of Funds. Hoover’s sentence was later suspended and he was placed on five years probation and ordered to pay restitution of \$2,500 to his victim.

The charges stem from a 2013 investigation conducted by the Nevada State Contractors Board in which Hoover was alleged to be contracting without a license (NRS 624.700) and diverting funds for his own personal use (NRS 624.750(3)(a)(b)). The case was submitted to Elko District Court requesting an arrest warrant be issued for one misdemeanor and one felony charge.

“We understand that many unlicensed contractors target and prey on elderly victims,” said NSCB Executive Officer, Margi Grein. “We are pleased to work with the Elko District Court on this case to bring restitution to the victim and fulfill our mission to protect the health and safety of the public.”

Hoover was hired in 2012 by an elderly man to stucco the walls of his building. Hoover misled the victim to think he was a licensed contractor by including a fictitious contractor’s license number

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on his business card. Hoover was given \$2,500 by the victim to begin the project, and later received an additional \$2,500 to purchase materials he stated were required to complete the job.

Shortly thereafter, the victim was notified by the City of Wells his project had been shut down because Hoover, an unlicensed contractor, was unable to pull the necessary permits and did not obtain a City of Wells business license. The victim contacted Hoover to request a refund for the second payment of \$2,500 for materials, which he failed to deliver. Hoover refused and never returned to the jobsite.

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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