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CONTRACTORS BOARD INVESTIGATIONS RESULT IN FELONY CONVICTIONS

Henderson and Reno, Nev. – Separate Nevada State Contractors Board investigations have resulted in the conviction of two individuals on felony charges stemming from violations of the state’s building and construction laws.

On Dec. 1, 2016, Deanna Tovar, 55, of Las Vegas, began serving a sentence of up to 48 months in the Nye County Detention Center after pleading guilty to engaging in business or submitting a bid without a contractor’s license for large landscaping projects. Tovar’s third or subsequent conviction on similar charges, the latest infraction is a category E felony. She will not be eligible for parole until she has served at least 19 months. Tovar’s sentence also requires her to pay nearly \$50,000 in restitution to three victims.

The second case involves formerly licensed contractor Kurt Krug, who operated out of Mound House under the business name Great Basin Deck and Shade. On Jan. 17, 2017, Krug was sentenced to 36 months of probation and ordered to pay \$25,000 in restitution to his victims.

The Board’s investigation showed that in 2015 Krug accepted 50 percent down payments for installation of decks and patio covers. He did not perform any work. After the Board revoked his contractor’s license in June 2015 for failure to pay for materials, failure to establish financial responsibility, acting beyond the scope of the license and other charges, attempts by his victims to recover the moneys paid proved unsuccessful. Under questioning from Board investigators, Krug admitted using the money to pay back taxes and for living expenses. Under a plea deal, Krug pleaded guilty in Washoe District Court to one class E felony and one gross misdemeanor charge of diversion of funds.

“Unlicensed contracting is a very real threat to the public’s safety in Nevada,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “Although the Board is limited in its efforts to provide recourse to homeowners working with unlicensed contractors, it is always appreciated when our judicial system orders restitution to those affected in these cases.”

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MEDIA NOTE: Attached .jpgs of Tovar and Krug for media use only.

