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CONSUMER ALERT

UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR ACTIVE IN NYE COUNTY

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board cautions residents of Nye County and vicinity that an unlicensed contractor, advertising himself as “Don’s Handyman Service,” is actively engaging in business, often accepting large down payments for work, then performing little or no work.

Over the past three months, the Contractors Board has opened three cases against Donald Dean Guthrie, 61, for obtaining money under false pretenses and/or contracting without a license in Pahrump. Guthrie was fined for a similar offense in Las Vegas in 2016. According to the pending complaints, Guthrie collected down payments of \$4,000 to \$6,600 – 50 to 72 percent of the project cost – for installation of artificial rock in one instance and a reroofing job in another. In the first case, the complainant alleges Guthrie never started the job. In the second, the homeowner alleges Guthrie completed one-third of the work before abandoning the project.

It is against the law for unlicensed persons to perform any construction project valued at \$1,000 or more. The Contractors Board encourages Nevadans to hire only licensed contractors.

The Contractors Board asks Nye County residents to be on the lookout for Guthrie and any other unlicensed individuals seeking to perform home construction, maintenance or repair work without a contractor’s license. To report unlicensed construction activity, call 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.

Nevadans seeking to have work done on their homes can verify a contractor’s license number on the Board’s website or by contacting the Board directly at (702) 486-1100 before signing a contract. Homeowners who hire

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licensed contractors receive the Board's full protections should something go wrong during the course of a project, and may be eligible for the Board's Residential Recovery Fund, which can award up to \$35,000 in financial recourse to damaged homeowners.

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