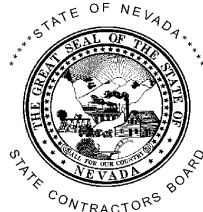


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**CONTRACTORS BOARD CRIMINAL CITATIONS IN OCTOBER RESULT IN
\$24,000 CONSUMER RESTITUTION**
(Southern Nevada)

During the month of October, the Nevada State Contractors Board investigated 106 complaints of unlicensed contractors in Southern Nevada. Charges of contracting without a license have been filed against 48 individuals. As a result of the investigations, **\$24,069 in restitution to consumers** was ordered in October 2002.

The following individuals were convicted or plead guilty in Justice Court for contracting without a license:

Cohen, Simon dba E.S. Stucco	Felony charges filed
Asay, Jeff dba Maple Leaf Wood Classics	\$680 restitution; \$233.98 investigative costs.
Sherif, Humayun dba Marble & Granite Warehouse	\$2,000 restitution; \$391 investigative costs
Dankowski, John dba John's Palm Tree Service	Felony charges filed
Bitton, Joseph dba JB Granite	Felony charges filed
Mingus, Ron dba R & C Pools	\$150 fine; 327.88 investigative costs
Sprague, David dba Blue Oasis	\$183 investigative costs.
Dale, Mike	\$350 fine
Allen, Barbara dba AA Affordable Pools	\$150 fine; \$2,000 restitution; \$467 investigative costs

Newman, Jack dba New World Landscaping	\$150 fine; \$2400 restitution; \$647.84 investigative costs.
Avendano, George dba Majestic Construction	\$1200 restitution; \$320 investigative costs
Romero, Manuel dba M & M Lawn Care	\$600 fine; \$285 investigative costs
Timpson, Richard dba Mojave Home Center	\$600 fine; \$425 investigative costs
Puta, Falakesi	Felony charges filed
Vicente, Danny dba Creative Systems	\$250 fine; \$180 investigative costs
Ward, Steve dba Friendly Mobile	\$250 fine; \$536.65 restitution; \$183 investigative costs
Wieger, Thomas dba Marine Tile & Coatings	\$150 fine; \$193 investigative costs
Robles, Reina dba Rancho Tile & Stone	\$5,871 restitution
Cervantes, Reina dba Rancho Tile & Stone	\$9,382.07 restitution
Bair, Bairie dba Bairs Carpet Valley, Inc.	\$500 fine; \$467 investigative costs
Escoto, Peter dba Professional Concrete	Felony charges filed
Whiting, Arnold dba A & D Home Enhancements	\$250 fine; 173.76 investigative costs

NRS 624 makes contracting without a license a Misdemeanor for the first offense, a Gross Misdemeanor for the second offense, and a Class E Felony for the third offense.

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