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BOARD CITES 19 SUSPECTED UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS

HENDERSON, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board issued citations to 19 suspected unlicensed contractors during two January undercover sting operations in Henderson and Sparks, Nev. Board investigators cited suspects for contracting without a license and/or illegally advertising construction services. Both are violations of Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 624.

| <u>Suspect</u> | <u>Alleged Offense(s)</u> |
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| David Allen | Advertising without a License |
| Jorge Armenta-Lopez | Contracting & Advertising without a License |
| Mike Baker | Contracting & Advertising without a License |
| Narciso Cervantes | Advertising without a License |
| Barry Egert | Advertising without a License |
| Mark Hamilton | Contracting & Advertising without a License |
| Edward Hawes | Contracting & Advertising without a License |
| Ronald Johnson | Advertising without a License |
| James O'Connell | Contracting without a License |
| Scott Ribeiro | Contracting without a License |
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| Carlos Salcido | Contracting & Advertising without a License |
| Jose Saldana-Esparza | Advertising without a License |
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| Michael Serwicki | Contracting & Advertising without a License |
| Joseph Siracusa | Contracting & Advertising without a License |
| Ernesto Tenorio-Delaluz | Contracting & Advertising without a License |
| Ignacio Velasquez | Advertising without a License |
| John Zeller | Contracting without a License |

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Investigators identified suspects through complaints to the Contractors Board and by examining advertisements on Craigslist and other bulletin board services. Unlicensed individuals are not allowed to advertise for construction work, which requires a contractor's license. Nevada requires contractors to be licensed to perform any electrical, plumbing, heating or air conditioning work, any construction work that requires a building permit and any project with a value of \$1,000 or more, including labor and materials. Suspects who submitted estimates for work in the prohibited trades or in excess of the \$1,000 ceiling received contracting without a license citation.

At least two of the suspects have criminal records and at least one has been previously cited by the Contractors Board

“We appreciate the cooperation we receive from Nevada homeowners, the state's licensed contractors and local law enforcement as we work to stamp out illegal contracting,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. “The Henderson Police Department and Washoe County Sheriff's Office provided valuable support for this operation, demonstrating our agencies' shared commitment to protect Nevada's homeowners and legitimate contractors.”

The Board's criminal investigators conducting stings used the interactions to educate suspects and offer encouragement and resources to help them to obtain a contractor's license.

The Board encourages anyone who comes across unlicensed contracting activities to report the information to **NSCB's Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (702) 486-1160 or (775) 850-7838**. Details to provide the Board, when available, include the unlicensed contractor's name, address (business and/or physical location where work is being performed), phone number, vehicle description, license plate, business card and/or advertisement, contracts signed by the unlicensed individual, etc.

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