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CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST FOUR CONTRACTORS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA

(*Henderson, NV*) - At its meeting on May 24, 2006, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases involving four contractors.

Rags to Riches Inc., license number 48557 (Ornamental Metal) based out of Helena, MT, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay money due for materials or services; diversion of funds; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to comply with a written request from the Board. The licensee was fined \$4,500 and ordered to pay investigative costs within 30 days, or the license will be revoked.

Casas Electric Inc., license number 49903A (Electrical Contracting) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was ordered to pay investigative costs within 30 days.

Elegant Kitchen & Bath Inc., license number 59210 (Carpentry) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with the terms of the contract; abandonment of a construction project; failure to include the required Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal; diversion of funds; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; and receiving money under false pretenses. The licensee was ordered to pay \$259,045.54 in restitution to homeowners and fines of \$25,400 and investigative costs were imposed. The license was suspended. Fines and investigative costs to be paid within 90 days, or the license will be revoked.

Kenneth Ray Krumme, dba Pro Enterprises., license number 57503 (Plumbing, Pipes and Vents for Gas) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to pay money due for materials or services; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to comply with a written request from the Board. The license was revoked. The licensee was ordered to pay full restitution to the homeowners, repay monies paid out from the Residential Recovery Fund and to pay investigative costs.

*The Business Review Program is one in which a contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB investigative staff. The program is a part of NSCB's proactive investigative efforts.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.