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## **Six Contractors Cited For Alleged Unlicensed Activity**

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators recently conducted sting operations in the Henderson and Reno areas for alleged unlicensed contracting activity. Those who received citations included:

**Blaise Hjelmgren** was issued a criminal citation for *submitting a roofing bid without a license and unlawful advertising*. He was ordered to appear in Henderson Justice Court.

Victor Saucedo, dba Saucedo Maintenance, was issued a criminal citation for contracting without a license for submitting a bid for landscaping. He was ordered to appear in Henderson Justice Court.

Irene Rodriguez, dba I.R. Landscaping, was issued a criminal citation for *contracting* without a license for submitting a bid for landscaping. She was ordered to appear in Henderson Justice Court.

Wilfredo Rodriguez, dba W S Painting, was issued a criminal citation for *submitting a* bid without a license for painting. He was ordered to appear in Henderson Justice Court.

Javier Barrera, dba We Do It All, Landscaping and Lawn Service, was issued an administrative citation for *contracting without a license for submitting a bid for pavers work*. He was ordered to appear before the Board.

**Bokyeol Ham, dba Ham's Landscape**, was issued an administrative citation for contracting without a license for submitting a bid for pavers work. He was ordered to appear before the Board.

Homeowners are advised that contracting without a license in Nevada is a misdemeanor for the first offense, a gross misdemeanor for the second offense and a Class E felony for the third offense.

Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

The NSCB recommends that homeowners not use unlicensed contractors because their work is generally poor quality, they are often uninsured and may not maintain Workman's Compensation coverage for their employees, and the homeowner may be liable for all injuries to workers.

Consumers can check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: <a href="www.nscb.state.nv.us">www.nscb.state.nv.us</a> by clicking on the "Contractor License Search & Disciplinary Actions Search" icon.