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Two Contractors Cited For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators recently conducted sting operations in Reno, NV, for unlicensed contracting activity.

Two individuals identified for allegedly being unlicensed included:

Jesus Aguilar, dba J&L Painting, was cited for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a painting bid for \$1,500. Aguilar was advertising his services on a local bulletin board.

Renier A. Rodriguez-Lopez, dba Express Handyman, was cited for *contracting without a license*. He submitted a painting bid for \$1,800.

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: www.nscb.state.nv.us by clicking on the “**Contractor License Search & Disciplinary Actions Search**” icon.

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