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Notorious Northern Nevada Unlicensed Contractor Convicted Re-Bath Reno Owner stole \$160,000 from 14 homeowners

Reno, NV – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) announced today that its investigation led to the arrest and conviction of unlicensed contractor Sandra Jeanne Tyler, 77. Tyler was the owner of Re-Bath Reno and stole \$160,000 from at least 14 unsuspecting homeowners. Most of the victims were seniors who gave Tyler their money and never saw any work performed.

Tyler pled guilty on April 10, 2024, to two felony counts of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses and at sentencing may be ordered to pay more than \$133,000 in restitution to the NSCB and an additional \$3,800 in investigative costs.

“We want to warn the public that working with unlicensed contractors is risky and the work performed is often below standard. We urge anyone considering projects at home to always hire a licensed contractor to receive the protections of the Nevada State Contractors Board,” said Executive Officer Margi Grein.

This case was so egregious, that the Nevada State Contractors Board presented it to the Office of the Nevada Attorney General for prosecution.

Tyler had been previously convicted of working as an unlicensed contractor in 2015.

It is a criminal offense for anyone to contract without a license in the state of Nevada and can result in misdemeanor or felony charges. Unlicensed contractors do not carry workman's compensation insurance, have not passed trade nor law exams, and homeowners who hire an unlicensed contractor do not qualify for the Board's Residential Recovery Fund should workmanship issues arise.

Homeowners can easily verify a contractor's license by visiting the NSCB website at www.nscb.nv.gov to ensure that the contractor is licensed for the work to be performed. Homeowners who come into contact with an unlicensed contractor should call the NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline at: (702) 486-1160 or (775) 688-1141.

Tips for Hiring a Licensed Contractor

- Always hire a licensed contractor.
- Ask for the contractor's license number when getting a quote and verify it on the NSCB website: www.nscb.nv.gov or call the NSCB Office at (702) 486-1100 or (775) 688-1141.
- Obtain at least three bids prior to making your decision.
- Ask for references from each contractor and follow up with them to verify the quality and timeliness of the work previously performed for those customers.
- Make sure your contract is as detailed as possible, including type/color of materials, payment schedules, etc.
- Never sign a contract until you understand all the terms and agreements.
- Always obtain a receipt when payment is made. Never pay in cash. Use only check or credit card.
- Don't let payments get ahead of the work.
- Report suspicious activity to the Nevada State Contractors Board at (702) 486-1100 or in Reno at (775) 688-1141.

Tyler is scheduled to be sentenced for her crimes on June 5, 2024 at the Washoe County 2nd Judicial District Court Room. Punishment could range from up to nine years in prison to probation, plus, restitution.

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The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit www.nscb.nv.gov.

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