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CONTRACTORS BOARD PARTNERS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO ARREST CONTRACTOR WITH OUTSTANDING FELONY WARRANT

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – On February 4, 2025, investigators with the Nevada Attorney General's Office arrested Nevada licensed contractor Jon Thomas Banning, owner of JTB Landscaping, in coordination with criminal investigators from the Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB), on an outstanding felony arrest warrant issued by the Las Vegas Justice Court.

The warrant charges Banning with eight felony counts relating to multiple transactions involving fraud or deceit; and obtaining money, property, rent, or labor by false pretenses.

"Our Board appreciates the partnership and swift efforts of the Attorney General's Office in locating and apprehending Mr. Banning who has demonstrated himself to be a contractor with little regard for the law and wellbeing of the members of our community," said NSCB Executive Officer David Behar. "Our Board remains committed to advocating for the safety of seniors and other vulnerable populations and will actively pursue prosecution for contractors who willfully choose to harm homeowners across our communities."

This case stems from an NSCB investigation wherein multiple complaints from homeowners, many of whom are seniors, were filed. The complaints alleged that Banning, dba JTB Landscaping and/or JTB Pools, had taken tens of thousands of dollars from unsuspecting homeowners as deposits on landscaping and pool projects.

The complaints further alleged that Banning either failed to complete the projects or in some cases failed to start the projects, while refusing to return any of the unearned monies to the victims.

In total, the victims incurred losses of more than \$308,000. The NSCB investigation was completed and submitted to the Nevada Attorney General's Office, who later filed a criminal complaint resulting in the issuance of the arrest warrant.

Any consumer working with a contractor should look for these common red flags and notify the Board of any concerns or alleged unlawful activities for further guidance. Doing so could help protect future consumers from being harmed.

- Demands for large downpayments or cash-only payments.

- Failure to put the terms of a project in writing.
- No contractor's license number and/or contractor information does not match the NSCB's website.
- Aggressive sales tactics and pushy 'today-only' pricing.

The NSCB accepts consumer complaints against licensed contractors up to four years from the date work was performed and up to two years when work is performed by a licensed contractor. All complaints are opened and investigated to determine the validity of the allegations and identify options for remedy when applicable.

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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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