



# Senior Bulletin

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## Suspected “travelers” sought

The Nevada State Contractors Board has applied for arrest warrants for George Joe Delmaro and Sonny Paul Delmaro, who operate as Reliable Roofing and Paving in the Reno, Carson City and Lake Tahoe areas. The Board asked the Washoe County District Attorney to issue the warrants for misdemeanor contracting without a license and felony diversion of funds over \$1,000 against both men. Sonny Delmaro’s warrant request also contains a charge of providing false information to a law enforcement officer.

The Contractors Board alleges the Delmaros – who are also known by a string of aliases – are two of four people who have been accepting large down payments for construction projects, and then failing to provide any work or materials. This company carries no Nevada Contractors license and is not bonded in Nevada.

The men are considered to be travelers, driving from state to state operating construction-related scams, such as roofing and paving projects on unsuspecting homeowners, before taking their money, performing little or no work and moving on to the next community. The suspects are known to drive a gray Dodge Durango with an Arizona

### *Board investigation nets felony convictions*

An extensive, two-year investigation by the Nevada State Contractors Board culminated in Nye County on Nov. 28, 2016 with the conviction and sentencing of Deanna Tovar for contracting without a license. Tovar, who had been previously convicted on similar felony charges, will spend at least 19 months in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

She pleaded guilty in Nye County District Court to three felony counts following the Board’s investigation of six complaints, which were turned over to county District Attorney’s office. Tovar received 48-month sentences on each count. Two sentences were suspended in lieu of five years’ probation.

Tovar’s sentence also included a \$1,500 fine and a restitution order of \$194,000 to the six homeowners.

temporary registration number of 9D58530 and a black Ford F-150 pickup with Oklahoma plates 791LEC.

George Delmaro has used the name Joe Delmaro. Sonny Delmaro is also known as David Stevens, Steven Stevens, David Delmaro, Pete Nicholas, John Austin, David Lee, Vincent Lee and David Page.

“Travelers are quick moving, settling in a community for a few days to take advantage of as many people as possible in a short time frame be-

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# Mason Gorda newest Board member

Governor Brian Sandoval appointed Mason Gorda, Senior Vice President of Leducor Construction, Inc., to the Nevada State Contractors Board, effective Nov. 1, 2016. The Board is comprised of seven members, including six licensed contractors and one public representative.

“We are pleased to welcome Mr. Gorda to the Nevada State Contractors Board,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “He brings a breadth and depth of expertise in commercial construction that will further the Board’s mission to protect the public’s safety and welfare and regulate the building professions.”

A long-time resident of Nevada, Mr. Gorda has managed a variety of projects throughout



**MASON GORDA**

North America in his 35 year tenure at Leducor. “I’m both proud and honored to be considered and selected to serve on the Nevada State Contractors Board.” Leducor has had continuous ongoing operations locally

for over 27 years from offices in both Northern and Southern Nevada.

The Leducor Group of Companies is one of North America’s most diversified construction companies, serving the building, heavy industrial, civil and infrastructure, mining, pipeline, power and communications sectors. Leducor also owns operations in aviation, forestry, marine transportation services, property investment, and wastewater treatment.

Gorda has previously served on several other boards, including most recently as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Associated Builders and Contractors Nevada for the past 3 years and as a Board Member for the Associated General Contractors.

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fore moving on to the next target area,” explained NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “The Board issued a Consumer Alert in late July, 2016, warning northern Nevada residents to beware of these individuals and

Reliable Roofing and Paving. We remind homeowners to be wary if they receive unsolicited offers to perform home maintenance or repair services.”

She said requests for cash payments or large down pay-

ments, “too good to be true offers,” high-pressure sales tactics and work vehicles without a valid Nevada contractor’s license number displayed should set off alarm bells.

# Contact NSCB!

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# Program aids returning veterans

In response to an order by Governor Brian Sandoval, the Nevada State Contractors Board has identified more ways to more quickly and efficiently serve military veteran contractor applicants. The Board requests and tracks the number of veteran contractors it serves.

During the quarter, staff prepared and submitted the annual report to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs noting that 80 licensees disclosed Veteran status with their renewal application.

The new initiative is under-

taken in addition to the Board's Military Assistance Program that aims to ease the transition from active-duty military to civilian contractor.

Also available to the spouses of active-duty personnel, the program assigns a dedicated Board staff member to veterans' applications. The goal is to ensure that veterans receive proper credit for construction-related work they perform in the military and these duties are fully applied to the applicant's work experience requirements.

Also, as military spouses

often move frequently while following their husband's or wife's military career, they face extraordinary challenges in plying their construction trade and establishing a business. The Board makes a special effort to ensure spouses' out-of-state work histories warrant the waiver of certain experience requirements for licensure.

For more information on the Contractors Board's Military Assistance Program, call 775-688-1141 or 702-486-1100 or email [veterans@nscb.state.nv.us](mailto:veterans@nscb.state.nv.us).



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# MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For veterans making the transition into civilian employment and spouses of active-duty military personnel relocating with their service members to Nevada

- A dedicated, specially trained NSCB staff member to evaluate transferable military training and experience from all branches of the military that meet minimum contractor licensing requirements.
- Military experience and training will be considered along with college credit when the Board evaluates acceptable technical education levels for license applicants.
- Military spouses' current records of licensure will be evaluated to determine whether he/she is eligible for waiver of certain experience requirements for licensure.



To determine eligibility or for questions concerning NSCB's expedited service for veterans and military spouses, contact License Analyst Barbara Miller at 775-850-7814 or 702-486-1100, extension 7814, or e-mail her at [bamiller@nscb.state.nv.us](mailto:bamiller@nscb.state.nv.us)

# Top 10 Must Haves For Senior Safety

Secure  
your rugs  
so they aren't  
a trip hazard

1



2

Handrails on  
stairwell



Install grab  
bars in  
bathroom

3

Have  
good lighting  
in entryways,  
stairs, etc.

4



5



Grabbers help  
reach items at  
unsafe  
distances



6

Install and  
inspect smoke  
alarms

7



Get a medical  
alert system for  
emergencies

8



Properly store  
and organize  
medications



9

Schedule  
frequent visits  
from neighbors  
and family

Get non-skid  
shower mats to  
prevent slips

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