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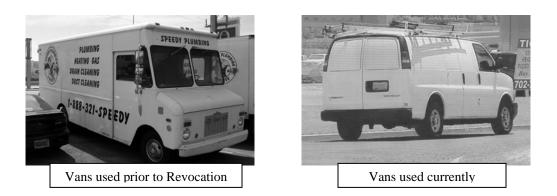
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## CONSUMER ALERT-REVOKED CONTRACTOR STILL AT WORK

The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) warns consumers about an unlicensed plumbing and A/C company soliciting work after the license was revoked.

The contractors license of *All American Service Corp. dba Speedy Plumbing & Air*, numbers 53962 (Refrigeration and Air Conditioning) and 54199 (Plumbing and Heating) of Las Vegas, Nevada was revoked on August 23, 2005 for diversion of money or property; willful disregard of building laws; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; abandonment of a construction project; and a fraudulent or deceitful act in the capacity of a contractor; among other charges.

The Board has received recent reports that Speedy Plumbing and Air may be soliciting business in violation of NRS 624. Consumers have advised that Speedy Plumbing & Air is currently using telemarketing methods to seek business. Speedy Plumbing & A/C is allegedly utilizing white unmarked vans to respond to consumer orders from the telemarketing activities. Anyone that has contracted with Speedy Plumbing & A/C since August 24<sup>th</sup> 2005 should contact the NSCB.



Homeowners who use the services of a Revoked or Suspended contractor are not eligible for recovery of their damages through the Residential Recovery Fund. The NSCB urges the public to hire only licensed contractors in good standing with the Board. Consumers can verify contractors' licenses and obtain helpful tips for working with contractors by calling (775) 688-1141 in northern Nevada or (702) 486-1100 in southern Nevada. Licenses can be verified 24 hours a day by logging on to **www.nscb.state.nv.us**.

## The Contractors Board suggests the following ten tips when hiring contractors:

- 1. Hire only licensed contractors.
- 2. Check the contractors' license number by calling the Nevada State Contractors Board at (775) 688-1141 in northern Nevada or (702) 486-1100 in southern Nevada; or by doing a license check on our website, <u>www.nscb.state.nv.us</u>.
- **3.** Get three references and review past work.
- 4. Get at least three bids.
- 5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
- 6. For pool contracts, pay 10% down or \$1,000 whichever is less, if a deposit is required.
- 7. Don't let payments get ahead of the work. Keep a record of all payments.
- 8. Don't make a final payment until you are satisfied with the job.
- 9. Don't pay cash.
- **10.** Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.