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NSCB Investigators Catch Five Unlicensed Contractors

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on Nov. 30, 2005, in Northwest Las Vegas in which five unlicensed individuals were given criminal citations and will appear in Las Vegas Justice Court.

Those cited for submitting bids included: Adani Shimshon, to install granite countertops; Tangata Haunga, concrete and block work; Rudi Klancnik, painting and unlawful advertising; Alexander Tomson, painting and unlawful advertising; and Lowe Charles, painting and unlawful advertising.

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 should 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.

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Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

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

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