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NSCB Investigators Give Citations to Five Unlicensed Contractors in Northwest Las Vegas

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on Dec. 14, 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: Emiliano Mejia of Emiliano's Concrete, installation of concrete work; Patrick Ozosky of Pepperwood Landscaping, landscaping; Francisco Michel of Michel's Landscaping, painting and unlawful advertising; Romeo Battisti of Romeo Is Concrete, installation of concrete; and Luis Loyozza of Kings Maintenance and Landscaping, 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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