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**Consumer Scam Alert: Unlicensed Asphalt  
Pavers Reported in Summerlin**

***NSCB Warns Homeowners of Traveling Criminals Posing as Contractors***



***(Las Vegas)*** – Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) Executive Officer, Margi Grein warns Summerlin residents of unlicensed traveling paving companies currently soliciting business in the Summerlin area. These criminals are systematically canvassing Valley neighborhoods, operating under the business name, “Public Paving” and offering to perform paving jobs to “keep down the dust.”

Residents approached by individuals in white vans with Michigan license plates displaying the name “Public Paving” are urged to contact the Contractors Board’s Special Investigations Unit immediately at 486-1160.

NSCB investigators have issued criminal citations to involved individuals and are looking into additional cases.

Unlicensed contracting is a crime in Nevada. NRS 624 makes contracting without a license a Misdemeanor for the first offense, a Gross Misdemeanor for the second offense, and a Class E Felony for the third offense.

Fraudulent home repairs and other construction performed by unscrupulous people are reported throughout Nevada each year. Many of these individuals go through neighborhoods and offer various reduced-cost home repairs. Unsuspecting homeowners often pay in full up front for substandard, useless or destructive work. They often move on quickly, often before the homeowner is aware that they've been defrauded, and are difficult to find. Senior citizens are often more likely to be targeted in these types of activities and should be very careful when approached over the phone or door-to-door for home improvement services.

For their protection, homeowners are urged not to hire anyone soliciting construction or home repair services before checking with the Nevada State Contractors Board to ensure that they are dealing with a licensed Nevada contractor. Anyone who performs residential or commercial construction, including remodeling or repair work must have a contractor's license. Consumers can check with the NSCB to determine if a contractor they are considering is properly licensed by calling (702) 486-1100 or on the Web at [www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us).

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers the following advice to homeowners to help ensure that they do not fall victim to a home repair scam:

- Hire only licensed contractors – Check the license with the NSCB first
- Get a written contract and sign it only when you understand the terms
- Don't pay cash
- Don't let the payments get ahead of the work

The Nevada State Contractors Board regulates contractors throughout Nevada by through a licensing and regulatory system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

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