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**NSCB Investigators Cite Two Contractors  
In Southern Nevada For Alleged Unlicensed Activity**

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on Sept. 19, 2007, in the Henderson area where two contractors were cited for alleged unlicensed contracting activities.

Those who received criminal citations and ordered to appear in Henderson Justice Court for allegedly *contracting without a license* by submitting bids were:

**Roberto Ruiz**, dba R & R Landscape, concrete work and landscaping, *contracting without a license and unlawful advertising* and **Hector Jose Cruz**, dba Hectors Concrete, concrete work, *contracting without a license*.

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](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us)

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