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**NSCB Investigators Identify Four Unlicensed Contractors
In Southern Nevada For Alleged Activity**

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on March 28, 2008, in the I-215 and Charleston Boulevard area where four contractors were identified for alleged unlicensed contracting activities.

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

Antonio Montes, submitted a bid for *landscaping*; **Hector A. Diaz**, submitted a bid to *install wooden laminate flooring*; and **Fred Glass**, dba Best Services, submitted a bid for *landscaping*.

A summons to appear in court is in the process of being filed with the Clark County District Attorney's Office on **Wilfredo Cruz**, dba People in Action, for submitting a *landscaping* bid.

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.

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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.

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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