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<u>Three Reno Contractors Receive Citations</u> <u>For Alleged Unlicensed Activity</u>

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators recently conducted a sting operation in the Reno area for alleged unlicensed contracting activity.

Arley R. Poole, dba Plumbing Work @ Great Price (Reno, NV), was issued an administrative citation for *advertising without a license* for plumbing work. Poole was advertising his services on Craig's List.

Ruben E. Gallegos, dba Lowest Price Tradesman for Quality Work, was issued an administrative citation for *contracting without a license* for electrical contracting. Gallegos was advertising on Craig's List.

Kevin L. Glaser, dba Heating and Air Installer (Northern Nevada & California),

was issued an administrative citation for *advertising without a license* for air conditioning work on Craig's List.

Homeowners are advised that unlicensed contractors frequently advertise their services on Craig's List. 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 who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

The NSCB recommends that homeowners 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.

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** by clicking on the **"Contractor License** Search & Disciplinary Actions Search" icon.

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