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Three Reno Contractors Cited For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

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

Nathan D. Brandon, dba Handyman (Reno and Surrounding Areas), was issued an administrative citation for *advertising without a license* for electrical and plumbing work. Brandon was advertising his services on Craig's List.

Carlos R. Rodriguez, dba Granite (Reno), was issued an administrative citation for *contracting without a license* for the installation of a granite countertop. Rodriguez was advertising on Craig's List.

Martin Barajas-Bravo, dba Paver Installer, was issued an administrative citation for *contracting without a license*. Barajas-Bravo was advertising his paver services on Craig's List, and also had a business card under the name of M1 Premier (Work on Floors).

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.

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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.

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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