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<u>NEIL BRODSKY ADDED TO NSCB'S</u> <u>TEN MOST WANTED IN SOUTHERN NEVADA</u>



Neil Brodsky

Neil Benjamin Brodsky, dba Neil's Plumbing and also Family Man's Discount Plumbing, has been added to the Nevada State Contractors Board's Ten Most Wanted in Southern Nevada. Brodsky has two felony warrants issued on him for *obtaining money by false pretenses* and a

misdemeanor warrant for unlawful advertising, all issue by Las Vegas Justice Court.

Brodsky advertises his services on Craig's List and allegedly dispatches unlicensed contractors to homeowners to do plumbing jobs without obtaining the proper city or county permits. When homeowners call to complain about the substandard workmanship, Brodsky allegedly becomes belligerent with them and hangs up. Most of the jobs have been in the \$1,000 range and have included the installation of tank-less hot water heaters.

"Consumers should not be taken in by promises of cheap work performed by unlicensed contractors. In reality it may cost more, and the consumer is left with little or no protection," said Margi Grein, Executive Officer of the NSCB. "It is important for consumers to check the license status of any company they wish to hire at our website: **www.nscb.state.nv.us**," Grein added.

The NSCB urges consumers to follow these simple tips when dealing with a contractor:

- Hire only licensed contractors. Ask to see their NSCB license.
- Don't rush into decisions or hire without checking out potential contractors.
- Be especially wary when approached by someone offering home improvements door-to door.
- Verify the contractor's licensed by checking online at: www.nscb.state.nv.us or calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada.

• Ensure the contractor is properly licensed for the work you want done on your home.

• Limit the amount of your down payment or deposit to 10 percent of the total contract.

• Don't pay cash without obtaining signed receipts, and don't let the payments get ahead of the work.

The Special Investigations Unit of the Nevada State Contractors Board is hard at work tracking and citing offenders and informing the public of their rights and responsibilities. To assist in prosecuting illegal contracting, the Nevada State Contractors Board has launched an online "Ten Most Wanted." Individuals listed on the Ten Most Wanted website pages are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity.

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Contractors and members of the public can go online at: **www.nscb.state.nv.us** and click "Ten Most Wanted" on the quick-link menu to review suspects' profiles. The website includes contact numbers to provide information about the individuals profiled.

The person(s) listed on the Nevada State Contractors Board Ten Most Wanted website and in press releases <u>have not been</u> convicted of the charges and are presumed innocent.

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