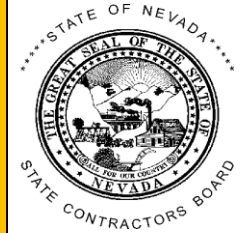




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## **UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR ARRESTED ON WARRANT FOR GROSS MISDEMEANOR CHARGES; CONTRACTOR'S SON STILL AT LARGE**

**HENDERSON, Nev.** – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) in partnership with the Henderson Police Department and Nevada Highway Patrol successfully apprehended Joe Castanon Sept. 4, after a warrant was issued for his arrest for gross misdemeanor charges related to contracting without a license by the Las Vegas Justice Court. Castanon, former owner of American Wholesale Flooring, is facing charges for allegedly entering into contracts, accepting deposits from customers, and then never returning to perform the work.

Castanon's son, Joseph Castanon and current owner of American Wholesale Flooring, has two misdemeanor warrants out for his arrest for the same alleged offenses. He has been added to [NSCB's Top 10 Most Wanted](#). Joseph Castanon is wanted for arrest; information available indicates he may have fled out-of-state.

“It is unfortunate to know there are people within our communities who will do anything to make a profit at the expense of a trusting victim,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. “We thank our law enforcement partners for helping us remove Joe Castanon from our streets and encourage the public to assist us in finding his son to prevent further harm to homeowners.”

NSCB is still actively investigating both of the Castanon family members. No further case details are available at this time. Anyone who comes into contact with Joseph Castanon should contact local law enforcement immediately. Homeowners with active contracts or bids from American Wholesale Flooring should contact **NSCB's Unlicensed Contractor Hotline at (702) 486-1160.**

Red flag warnings of unscrupulous contractors

- Contractor demands cash payment or deposit up front.
- Contractor is unable to show proof of contractor's license number or direct contact information for their business.
- Contractor has “extra” materials from a previous job.
- Contractor solicits work because they noticed issues with your home.

- Contractor asks to perform a free inspection, followed by a laundry list of repairs that need to be made.
- Contractor does not want to put the agreement in writing.

**Common scams to be cautious of:**

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- Door-to-door solicitations.
- High-pressure sales tactics.
- Demands for cash payment.
- Demands for a large down payment.

**Tips for hiring contractors:**

1. Only hire licensed contractors.
2. Check the contractor's license number by utilizing our Online Contractor Search at [www.nscb.nv.gov](http://www.nscb.nv.gov)
3. Get three references and review past work.
4. Get at least three bids.
5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
6. For pool contracts, pay 10% down or \$1,000 - whichever is less, if a deposit is required.
7. Don't let payments get ahead of the work. Keep a record of all payments.
8. Don't make a final payment until you are satisfied with the job.
9. Don't pay cash.
10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.

Additional information for consumers is available on NSCB's website at [www.nscb.nv.gov](http://www.nscb.nv.gov)

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**MEDIA NOTE:** .jpgs of Joe Castanon being arrested and Joseph Castanon's headshot are available upon request.