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STING OPERATION NETS 18 ALLEGED UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS; CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED

Las Vegas, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) cited 17 alleged unlicensed contractors for violations of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 624.700 (contracting without a license) and NRS 624.720 (advertising without a license), during an April sting operation in Las Vegas.

Two Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department officers assisted in the operations, though no arrests were made.

"As the economy and the weather continue to improve, Nevadans begin taking on more home improvement projects, and unlicensed contractors look to take advantage," noted NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "Our partnership with Metro in this operation shows that both the Board and law enforcement considers unlicensed activity a threat to public safety and legitimate businesses."

Nevada law stipulates that all construction projects valued at \$1,000 or more must be performed by licensed contractors. In addition, all electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and heating work – regardless of value – must be performed by licensed contractors. It is illegal for unlicensed people to advertise their services to perform work that requires a license.

Board investigators targeted suspected unlicensed contractors they found through social media, bulletin boards and other sources. These suspects were cited for advertising without a license. Those who provided bids or estimates for projects at the sting house also were cited for contracting without a license.

SUSPECT

CITED FOR

Gary Dean Gardner

Advertising without a License; Criminal Charges Filed with Clark County District Attorney's Office

Alex Oliveriera Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License
Eric Christienssen Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License
Norman Fredriksen Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License

Frank Ramos Advertising without a License
Carlos Ramos Contracting without a License

Steven Miller Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License

Jose Delgado Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License

Durid Sukar Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License

Joselin Gomez Advertising without a License

Kori Wendel Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License

Arjan Kodra Advertising without a License

Leonel Yanez Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License

Hector Manuel Caro Advertising without a License

Alejandro Perez-Luna Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License

Julio Martinez-Olvera Advertising without a License

Martin Antonio Castillo Advertising without a License; Contracting without a License

Joseph Eric Madden Advertising without a License

NSCB encourages anyone who comes across unlicensed contracting activities to report the information to **NSCB's Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (702) 486-1160 or (775) 850-7838**. Details to provide the Board, when available, include the unlicensed contractor's name, address (business and/or physical location where work is being performed), phone number, vehicle description, license plate, business card and/or advertisement, contracts signed by the unlicensed individual, etc.

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