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<u>CONSUMER ALERT</u> <u>CONTRACTORS BOARD WARNS NORTHERN NEVADA RESIDENTS OF</u> <u>UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR "RELIABLE ROOFING AND PAVING"</u>

RENO, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board is issuing a Consumer Alert to warn northern Nevada residents, specifically those located in and around Reno, Tahoe, and the Carson City area, that four individuals operating under the unlicensed contractor name "Reliable Roofing and Paving" are scamming homeowners, seniors, and small businesses by taking their money up front and providing no work or materials. This company carries no Nevada Contractors license and is not bonded in the State of Nevada.

The suspects are considered to be travelers who drive from state to state operating construction-related scams, such as roofing and paving projects to unsuspecting individuals, before taking their money, performing little or no work, and moving on to the next community. They are believed to drive a gray Dodge Durango with an Arizona temporary registration number of 9D58530 and a black Ford F-150 pickup with Oklahoma plates 791LEC. The two main suspects are George Delmaro, aka Joe Delmaro, and David Stevens. Richard Stevens and Anthony Stevens are two additional suspects being sought by the Contractors Board.

"Travelers are unlicensed contractors who pass through neighborhoods trying to take advantage of as many people as possible in a short timeframe before moving on to the next community or state," stated NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. "We are asking all homeowners to be vigilant if individuals approach your home offering to perform home repair services. Warning signs to look for include requests for cash payments only, large down payments up front prior to work being performed, 'too good to be true' offers, and high pressured sales tactics."

Anyone with information on these individuals or other suspected unlicensed contracting activities should contact the **NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (775) 850-7838 or (702) 486-1160 as soon as possible**. If available, include the unlicensed contractor's name, business address, project location, phone

number, and vehicle make, model, color and license plate number. When contracting for home repair and maintenance projects, always verify the contractor's license number on NSCB's website at <u>www.nscb.nv.gov</u>.

The Board encourages anyone looking to have work performed on their home to always verify a contractor's license number on the Board's website or contact the Board directly at (775) 688-1141 or (702) 486-1100 before signing a contract. Homeowners who hire licensed contractors receive the Board's full protections should something go wrong during the course of a project, and may be eligible for the Board's Residential Recovery Fund, which can award up to \$35,000 in financial recourse to damaged homeowners.

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MEDIA NOTE: Attached .jpgs of four suspects for media use only.

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