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UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST OF NSCB MOST WANTED UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR BRETT BENSON

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) conducted an undercover investigative operation leading to the arrest of unlicensed contractor Brett Benson by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, who is known for operating in the State of Nevada under the business name Security Screen Masters and aliases Brett Jordan, Brett Jordon, and Brett Zimmer.

Benson was taken into custody by law enforcement without incident and is currently being held at the Clark County Detention Center on allegations of 24 felony and one misdemeanor charge. Benson remains innocent until proven guilty.

"The Nevada State Contractors Board appreciates the assistance of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in its recent partnership to identify and subsequently apprehend one of our most egregious unlicensed contractors," states Executive Officer Margi Grein. "Brett Benson epitomizes the type of unlicensed contractor we warn against and strive to protect consumers from. His arrest is the first step toward seeking justice for the consumers harmed."

Benson previously held a Nevada contractor's license (#81295) for SSM of Nevada, dba Security Screen Masters until several complaints to the Board led to its revocation in 2020. Benson was found by the NSCB to have entered into 18 written contracts receiving more than \$151,000 in down payments before abandoning the project with no work performed.

The Nevada State Contractors Board always recommends consumers verify a contractor holds an active license with the NSCB prior to entering any contract to have work performed, regardless of the size or scope of the project. Additional best practices include obtaining three bids, insisting on a detailed written contract, and never paying more than \$1,000 or 10% of the aggregate contract price as a down payment.

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Consumers who feel they have been harmed by a licensed or unlicensed contractor should file a complaint with the Board to have their concerns investigated. Complaint forms can be accessed on the Board's website, by calling the NSCB office, or using the Board's mobile application *NSCB Mobile*.

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MEDIA NOTE: Benson photograph for media use only.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit <u>www.nscb.nv.gov</u>.

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