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NSCB Investigators Cite Six Unlicensed Contractors In Southern Nevada Sting Operation

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on May 22, 2007, in the vicinity of I-215 and Charleston Boulevard where five unlicensed contractors were cited for *contracting without a license*. One bid was faxed to the NSCB office, which will result in a sixth citation.

Those who received citations include:

Daniel Juarez Narranto, dba Mountain Sion Painting, painting; Andres Garcia Martinez, dba Concrete Finishes Services, concrete work; Ronald G. Houseman, painting; Ludmila Lopez, dba Professional Tile & Marble Installation, granite countertop installation; Carlos Rafael Espinosa-Soriano, dba Carlos Landscaping, landscaping; and Ferenc Nagy, granite countertop installation.

Contracting without a license in Nevada is a misdemeanor for the first offense, a gross misdemeanor for the second offense and a Class E felony for the third offense.

Homeowners should not use unlicensed contractors because their work is generally poor quality, they are often uninsured and may not maintain workman's

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compensation coverage for their employees, and the homeowner may be liable for all injuries to workers.

Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

Consumers can check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us

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