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Two NSCB Ten Most Wanted Arrested



Michael Copping, wanted by the Nevada State Contractors Board for two outstanding warrants - one a felony and the second a gross misdemeanor - for engaging in business without a contractor's license, was arrested by Metropolitan Police in a recent NSCB sting operation in Las Vegas. He is facing arraignment on both counts and will be given a hearing date for court. Copping had prior convictions and complaints with the Contractors Board when he attempted to submit a bid for the installation of a granite countertop. He had been operating under the business names of Diamond Granite and Marble and Granite Las Vegas.



Victor Herbert, wanted by the Contractors Board for a second offense of contracting without a license and unlawful advertising, was located by NSCB investigators and then recently arrested by Metro police. Herbert had been working as an unlicensed landscaper under the company name Forever Green Landscape in the Las Vegas Valley for several years.

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He refused to comply with the Board's orders and previously stated that he would not surrender to the court. He was arrested for an outstanding warrant and given an arraignment date to appear in court.

The Nevada State Contractors Board warns homeowners to hire only licensed contractors. To assist in prosecuting illegal contracting, the Nevada State Contractors Board has launched an online "Ten Most Wanted" list of individuals. The individuals listed on the Ten Most Wanted website are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity. Homeowners may check whether a contractor is licensed by going to www.nscb.state.nv.us or by contacting the NSCB at (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada.

The NSCB urges consumers to follow these simple tips when dealing with a contractor:

- **Hire only licensed contractors. Ask to see the license.**
- **Don't rush into decisions or hire without checking out potential contractors.**
- **Be especially wary when approached by someone offering home improvements door-to-door.**
- **Verify the contractor's licensed by checking online at www.nscb.state.nv.us or via automated phone service at (702) 486-1100 (Las Vegas), or (775) 688-1141 (Reno).**
- **Ensure the contractor is properly licensed for the work you want done on your home.**
- **Limit the amount of your down payment or deposit to 10 percent of the total contract.**
- **Don't pay cash without obtaining signed receipts, and don't let the payments get ahead of the work.**

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