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CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST EIGHT CONTRACTORS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA

(*Henderson, NV*) - At its meetings on Nov. 8, 2006, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases involving eight contractors.

PNII, *Inc.*, *dba Pulte Homes of Nevada*. license number 48129 (General Building) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship and failure to include the required Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$3,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs. A Letter of Reprimand was placed in the licensee's file.

Summit Drywall & Paint, LLC, license number 54669 (Painting & Decorating) based out of Las Vegas, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; willful disregard and violation of the safety laws or labor laws of the state; willful disregard and violation of the laws of the state regarding industrial insurance; and failure to comply with an order from the Board. The licensee was fined \$900, ordered to pay investigative costs, ordered to provide a new financial statement, provide a new bond and submit to a business review.

Wizard Custom Homes, LLC., license numbers 55290 (Residential & Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to include the required Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to provide the name, license number, business address and telephone numbers of all subcontractors and material suppliers contracted on the project; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to comply with a written request from the Board. The licensee was fined \$6,100; ordered to pay \$8,275.75 in restitution to the homeowners and ordered to pay investigative costs. The license was revoked.

Edmond Frederick Kotoch, dba Alternative Refrigeration, Heating & Air Conditioning, license number 40013 (Refrigeration & Air Conditioning) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay money due for any materials

or services rendered and failure to respond to a written request from the Board. The licensee was ordered to pay \$16,944 in restitution and ordered to pay \$200 in fines and investigative costs.

Custom Cut, Inc., license number 57045 (General Building) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay money due for materials or services rendered; diversion of funds; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to include the monetary license limit or license information on a contract or proposal; failure to establish financial responsibility; the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act; failure to comply with an order from the Board; and failure to discharge a lien recorded against a property. The licensee was ordered to pay restitution to all damaged parties, pay \$5,000 in fines and pay investigative costs. The license is suspended until restitution is paid.

Jeffrey Wardell Freeman, dba Jeffs Concrete, license number 33778 (Concrete Contracting) based out of Pahrump, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to include the required Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was ordered to pay restitution to all damaged parties, reimburse monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund, and pay investigative costs. The license was revoked.

Winners Carpet & Supplies, Inc., license number 47455 (Finishing Floors) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with a written citation and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The licensee was ordered to pay full restitution to all homeowners, reimburse the Board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund and pay investigative costs. The license was revoked.

Robert Craig McNeill, dba R J Development, license number 40727 (Residential & Small Commercial) based out of Henderson, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for abandonment of a construction project; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to include the required Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to provide the name, license number, business address and telephone numbers of all subcontractors and material suppliers contracted on the project; misrepresentation of a material fact; failure to properly execute a construction project; failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal; abandonment of a construction project; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to comply with a written request from the Board. The licensee was ordered to pay restitution to all damaged parties, reimburse monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund and pay investigative costs. The license was revoked.

**The Business Review Program is one in which a contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB investigative staff. The program is a part of NSCB's proactive investigative efforts.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.