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CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST FIVE CONTRACTORS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA

(*Henderson, NV*) - At its meeting on Dec. 13, 2006, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases involving five contractors.

Jeffrey Landson Stromberg, dba Reliable Builders, license number 58009 (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 properly execute a construction project; willful disregard of the building laws of the state; misrepresentation of a material fact; and failure to comply with a written request from the Board. The licensee was fined \$8,500 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Steel Specialties Unlimited, Inc., license numbers 58596 and 58657 (Structural Steel, Ornamental Metal, Building Accessories and Specialties) based out of North Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for contracting with a suspended license. The licensee was fined \$1,000, ordered to pay investigative costs, and provide a current financial statement.

James Christian Kilgore, dba C.J.K. Masonry, license numbers 50812 (Masonry) 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 respond to a written request from the Board; failure to include the required Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; contracting on a construction project in excess of the license limit; and failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was ordered to pay full restitution to the homeowners, reimburse the Board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund and pay investigative costs. The license was revoked.

Patrick Thomas Lynch, dba Lynch's Floor Designs Made Easy, license number 57550 (Decorative Coatings) based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for aiding and abetting an unlicensed person; allowing a license to be used by an unlicensed person; failure to comply with a written citation issued by the Board; and failure to establish

financial responsibility. The licensee was ordered to pay restitution to all damaged parties, reimburse the Board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund and to pay investigative costs. The licensed was revoked.

Whitaker Enterprises, Inc., license numbers 31695A and 32078A (Commercial & Residential Pools and Lathing & Plastering) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; aiding and abetting and unlicensed person; willful disregard of the building laws of the state; failure to provide required lien releases; failure to properly execute a change order on work to be performed; and allowing a license to be used by an unlicensed person. The licensee was ordered to pay restitution to all damaged parties, reimburse the Board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund and pay investigative costs. The licenses were 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.