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<u>NSCB Investigators Cite Four Contractors</u> <u>In Southern Nevada For Alleged Unlicensed Activity</u>

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on Aug. 10, 2007, in the Las Vegas area where four contractors were cited for alleged unlicensed contracting activities.

Those who received citations for *contracting without a license* by allegedly submitting bids without a license to remodel a bathroom were:

Monserrato Gavino-Rivera; Chester D. Yannatone, dba C & D General Repairs; Greg Scott Warweg; and Javier Valario Nevarez, dba Granite City, also arrested for outstanding warrants.

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 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: <u>www.nscb.state.nv.us</u>

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