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10 MOST WANTED RODNEY PURSLEY ARRESTED; **JEFFREY MOATES ADDED TO TOP 10 WANTED**



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Nevada State Contractors Board Top Ten Wanted fugitive **Rodney Pursley** was arrested in Reno on Oct. 30 on two outstanding warrants issued from Fernley Municipal and Sparks Justice Courts.

Pursley had been cited by Nevada State Contractors Board investigators in April and November 2006 for contracting without a license. In both instances, Pursley appeared in court and pled guilty, was fined and order to pay restitution to homeowners. He failed to comply with both courts' orders, and warrants were issued for his arrest.

In one instance, Pursley allegedly contracted to re-roof a Reno homeowner's home for \$4,235. He failed to do any work and was ordered by the court to pay the homeowner \$3,450 in restitution, which he failed to do.

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Unlicensed contractor **Jeffrey Moates, dba High Desert Lawn and Landscape**, has been added to the NSCB's Top Ten Wanted. He allegedly was hired by a Reno homeowner to do yard cleanup, apply fertilizer and install sod. He was paid \$1,375 and failed to complete the job.

The Special Investigations Unit of the Nevada State Contractors Board is hard at work tracking and citing offenders and informing the public of their rights and responsibilities. To assist in prosecuting illegal contracting, the Nevada State Contractors Board has launched an online "Ten Most Wanted." Individuals listed on the Ten Most Wanted website pages are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity.

Contractors and members of the public can go online at www.nscb.state.nv.us and click "Ten Most Wanted" on the quick-link menu to review suspect's profiles. The website includes contact numbers to provide information about the individuals profiled.

The person(s) listed on the Nevada State Contractors Board Ten Most Wanted website and in press releases have not been convicted of the charges and are presumed innocent.

Homeowners who use the services of a revoked or suspended contractor are not eligible for recovery of their damages through the Residential Recovery Fund. The NSCB urges the public to hire only licensed contractors in good standing with the Board.

Consumers can verify contractors' licenses and obtain helpful tips for working with contractors by calling (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada, or (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada. Licenses can be verified 24 hours a day by logging on to www.nscb.state.nv.us.

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 (Southern Nevada), or (775) 688-1141 (Northern Nevada).**
- **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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