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## **Former Nevada Contractor Convicted of Diversion of Funds**

J.E. Scott Spracklin of Sparks, NV, dba Spracklin Construction, whose contracting licenses were revoked by the Nevada State Contractors Board in August 2008, was recently convicted in Washoe County District Court on one felony count of *division of funds* and sentenced to 12 to 34 months in the Nevada State Prison. His sentence was suspended with probation, and he was ordered to pay \$182,931.56 in restitution, plus investigative costs and court fees.

Spracklin's conviction stemmed from a nearly two-year investigation by the Reno Criminal Investigation Division of the Nevada State Contractors Board. Investigators had found that Spracklin took a \$22,000 deposit on a \$220,000 contract and did no work on the project.

Spracklin also diverted \$213,051.98 from another project by failing to pay subcontractors and material suppliers, after he was paid by the homeowner.

Spracklin was arrested on two felony warrants from the Washoe County District Attorney's Office. He plead guilty to one count of diversion of funds.

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“The NSCB is happy that it was able to help the victims in this case receive restitution,” said Margi Grein, Executive Officer of the NSCB. “This investigation is an example of how strongly committed the Board is to protecting the citizens of Nevada.”

The Criminal 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.

The NSCB urges consumers to check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada, or (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: **[www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us)**.

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