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## STEPHEN CASEBIER ADDED TO NSCB'S TEN MOST WANTED IN NORTHERN NEVADA



**Stephen Casebier** 

by Justice Court of Tonopah.

**Stephen K.** Casebier has been added to the Nevada State Contractors Board's Ten Most Wanted in Northern Nevada. Casebier has two warrants issued on him for *contracting without a license* (misdemeanor) and *unlawful use of a contractor's license* (gross misdemeanor), both issued

Casebier allegedly used a licensed contractor's license number on a \$150,000 construction remodeling project in Tonopah. He failed to complete the work, and the work he did do was substandard. Casebier is believed to have fled the state.

"Consumers should not be taken in by promises of cheap work performed by unlicensed contractors. In reality it may cost more, and the consumer is left with little or no protection," said Margi Grein, Executive Officer of the NSCB.

"It is important for consumers to check the license status of any company they wish to hire at our website: www.nscb.state.nv.us," Grein added.

The NSCB urges consumers to follow these simple tips when dealing with a contractor:

- Hire only licensed contractors. Ask to see their NSCB 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 license by checking online at: www.nscb.state.nv.us or calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in 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.

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 suspects' 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 <u>have not been</u> convicted of the charges and are presumed innocent.

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