

## NSCB News Release



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## **CONTRACTORS BOARD INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN 2 FELONY ARRESTS**

Carson City, Nev. – Acting on information obtained by Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) investigators, the Douglas County Sheriff's Department recently arrested two men – a father and son – on felony charges for contracting without a license. Sheriff's deputies arrested Scott Hunter Coleman on March 23 during a routine traffic stop. The NSCB advised the sheriff's office of an outstanding warrant on Coleman's father, Irving "Dale" Coleman, and with their assistance Coleman was taken into custody on March 24.

"The Board's strong cooperative relationship with the state's law enforcement agencies was again instrumental in capturing these suspects," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "It is especially gratifying to bring to justice unlicensed contractors who prey on Nevada's seniors. We appreciate the Douglas County Sheriff's Department for recognizing unlicensed contracting as a serious crime that harms legitimate businesses and can have devastating financial effects on victims."

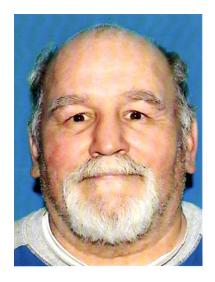
The arrests culminate an eight month NSCB investigation. Acting on a complaint received on July 21, 2014, Board investigators discovered that the Colemans, identifying themselves as "Colman and Sons Plumbing," submitted a bid to install an air conditioner at the home of the 72-year-old alleged victim. The homeowner paid the Colemans \$2000. After obtaining money from the homeowner, it is alleged the Colemans never returned to perform the work.

The Board's findings were submitted to the Carson City District Attorney's Office, and warrants were issued for Irving Coleman and Scott Coleman for engaging in business or submitting a bid without a contractor's license, a violation of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 624.700, and diversion of funds, NRS 624.750(3)(b) and (4)(b), a felony.

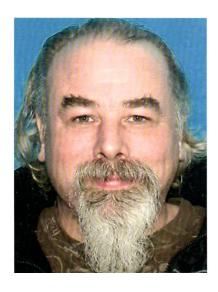
The Nevada State Contractors Board encourages anyone who suspects unlicensed contracting activities to report it to the **NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline:** (702) 486-1160 or (775) 850-7838. If

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available, include the unlicensed contractor's name, business address, project location, phone number and vehicle make, model, color and license plate number. When contracting for home repair and maintenance projects, <u>always</u> verify the contractor's license number on NSCB's website at <u>www.nscb.nv.gov</u>



Irving "Dale" Coleman DOB 09-20-1943



Scott Hunter Coleman DOB 09-11-1964

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**MEDIA NOTE:** The attached .jpgs of Irving "Dale" Coleman and Scott Hunter Coleman are for media use only.