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BOARD STINGS SUSPECTED REPEAT OFFENDERS, UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS

LAS VEGAS, Nev. –Nevada State Contractors Board criminal investigators submitted affidavits against two alleged second-time offenders and cited seven other suspects in a sting operation conducted March 2 in Henderson. Investigators followed leads generated from advertisements found on Craigslist. The investigation found ads from Mark Moreland and Ernesto Tenorio-Delaluz, who had been cited previously for advertising without a license. As alleged second offenders, both will be issued a summons to appear in court to answer gross misdemeanor charges.

Board investigators contacted seven other unlicensed individuals who illegally placed ads to perform electrical work, driveway sealing, patio installation, painting and other work. The suspects met investigators posing as homeowners and offered bids in excess of \$1,000. All suspects received citations for illegal advertising and contracting without a license, both misdemeanor offenses:

- Ricardo Cordova
- Robert Zoine
- Louis Estrada
- Larry Brough
- Javier Pacheco-Chavez
- Gilbert Garcia
- Guillermo Gomez-Garcia

Under Nevada law, unlicensed individuals are not allowed to advertise to perform any construction, repair or maintenance work that requires a contractor's license. Nevada requires contractors to be licensed to perform any electrical, plumbing, heating or air conditioning work, any construction work that requires a building permit, and any project with a value of \$1,000 or more, including labor and materials.

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“The Contractors Board takes very seriously its mandate and commitment to protect homeowners’ health and safety,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. “Unlicensed contractors strip homeowners of many of the protections offered by the Board and place the liability on the homeowner if the work performed is substandard or the unlicensed contractor gets injured while on the job.”

The Board urges anyone who comes across unlicensed contracting activities to report the information to **NSCB’s Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (702) 486-1160 or (775) 850-7838**. Details to provide the Board, when available, include the unlicensed contractor’s name, address (business and/or physical location where work is being performed), phone number, vehicle description, license plate, business card and/or advertisement, contracts signed by the unlicensed person, etc.

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