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MOST WANTED UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR JACK HARRISON ARRESTED

Reno, NEV. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) welcomed news by the Sparks Police Department that Jack Harrison, an unlicensed contractor on the NSCB's Most Wanted list, was apprehended by officers last week without incident after being notified of his whereabouts by NSCB investigators during a pro-active enforcement effort. Harrison was booked at the Washoe County Detention Facility on active warrants stemming from multiple counts of NRS 624.700 (contracting without a license).

"The Contractors Board appreciates the efforts made by Sparks Pollice Department to locate and arrest Mr. Harrison who has been misleading and harming families across northern Nevada by operating under a licensed company not classified to perform asphalt paving and sealing," stated NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "The Board encourages all individuals to verify a contractor's license details before engaging in a project, which will ensure proper recourse can be taken if something goes wrong up to four years after the project is completed."

Harrison has been a habitual offender in No. Nevada since 2021. He is known to use inferior products, perform poor quality work, and offer a 5-year warranty, which he often does not honor. Harrison works under J & H Construction & Maintenance LLC and Modern Construction LLC, both of which are licensed, but do not have the required A8 or A16 classifications to perform asphalt paving and sealing.

In fiscal year 2022-23, the NSCB received over 2,500 complaints against licensed and unlicensed contractors, with over 30% resulting from unlawful contracting practices. Consumers should always refer to the NSCB's website or mobile application to verify a contractor holds an active license with the proper license classifications for the work to be performed prior to entering any contract. A new <u>Contract Checklist</u> for Home Improvement Projects is available on the Board's website, which can assist homeowners in reviewing specific contract terms with their contractor.

The NSCB advises consumers to obtain at least three bids, insist on a detailed written contract, and never pay more than \$1,000 or 10% of the aggregate contract price as a down payment. For larger projects,

consumers should discuss contract terms related to payment schedules, start and estimated completion dates, and disclosure of other subcontractors assisting with the project, among others.

Consumers who feel they have been harmed by a licensed or unlicensed contractor should file a complaint with the Board to have their concerns investigated. Complaint forms can be accessed on the Board's website, by calling the NSCB office, or using the Board's mobile application *NSCB Mobile*.

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MEDIA NOTE: Harrison photograph for media use only.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit <u>www.nscb.nv.gov</u>.

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