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CONTRACTORS BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST EIGHT CONTRACTORS IN SOUTHERN NEVADA

(Henderson, NV) - At its meetings on June 14 and 15, 2006, the Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated cases involving eight contractors.

Design Builders, LTD. license numbers 27516A, 27516B, and 27516C (Residential & Small Commercial, Carpentry, Plumbing & Heating)) based out of Henderson, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with the terms of a contract; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to comply with a written request from the Board. The licensee was fined \$5,500 and ordered to pay for the homeowner's repairs and investigative costs within 30 days or the license will be suspended.

Best Solar Screens, Inc., license number 41377 (Awnings & Louvers) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal and failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was ordered to pay the homeowner \$4,575 in restitution within 30 days or the license will be suspended, and \$300 in fines and investigative costs within 120 days, or the license will be suspended.

Southwest Stone and Tile, Inc., license numbers 46544 and 46545 (Tiling, Install Terazzo & Marble) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship. The licensee was ordered to pay \$15,000 in restitution to the homeowner within 30 days, or the license will be suspended and investigative costs within 60 days, or the license will be suspended.

Visnic Construction, Inc., license numbers 55333, 22316A and 24200A (Residential & Small Commercial, Carpentry, Tiling) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to properly execute a construction project causing material injury to another; failure to comply with the regulations of the Board, failure to respond to a written

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request from the Board; failure to release a lien when the payment was received; substandard workmanship; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board and participation in a prohibited act or omission of a material fact. The license was revoked. The licensee was ordered to pay investigative costs and \$2,500 in fines. The homeowners were made whole through the Residential Recovery Fund.

Backhoe Bills, Inc., dba Downunder Construction, license number 50498 (General Engineering) based out of Henderson, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to pay money due for materials or services; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; and failure to comply with an order from the Board. The license was revoked. The licensee was ordered to pay full restitution to the homeowners, reimburse the Board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund and pay investigative costs.

High Desert Construction and Development, license number 51008 (Residential & Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay money due for materials or services; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to establish financial responsibility; and failure to comply with a written request from the Board. The license was revoked. The licensee was ordered to pay full restitution to the homeowners, reimburse the Board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund and pay investigative costs.

Tropical Creations Corp., license number 42274 (Waterfalls, Lagoons, Slides & Rockscapes) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to comply with the regulations of the Board; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; bidding beyond the scope of the license; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; abandonment of a construction project; failure to comply with the terms of a construction contract; diversion of funds; failure to release a lien when payment was received; failure to give an estimated completion date; failure to provide a name, license number, business address and telephone numbers of all subcontractors contracted on the project; failure to provide a plan and scale drawing; failure to provide a schedule of payments; failure to provide lien releases; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; failure to comply with the regulations of the Board; and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The license was revoked. The licensee was ordered to pay full restitution to the homeowners, reimburse the Board for monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund and pay investigative costs.

Clement Bumi Ijidakinro, dba Africart International Enterprises, license number 56815 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with the terms of a contract; failure to comply with the regulations of the Board; abandonment of a construction project; failure to include the required Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal; failure to establish financial responsibility; failure to comply with a written request from the Board; and willful disregard of the state industrial insurance laws. The license was revoked. The licensee was ordered to pay full restitution of \$32,000 to the homeowners, fines totaling \$17,500 and the investigative costs.

****The Business Review Program is one in which a contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB investigative staff. The program is a part of NSCB's proactive investigative efforts.**

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.
