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NSCB Investigators Cite Five Unlicensed Contractors In Sting Operation Near Charleston Heights Area of Las Vegas

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on Feb. 23, 2007, near the Charleston Heights area of Las Vegas in which five unlicensed contractors were given criminal misdemeanor citations for *contracting without a license*.

Pedro O. Lorenzo, dba L & H Painting, is ordered to appear in Las Vegas Justice Court at 9 a.m. on May 1, 2007, for submitting a bid to paint and for unlawful advertising.

Primo Zamut, dba Diamond Painters, is ordered to appear in Las Vegas Justice Court at 9 a.m. on June 5, 2007, for submitting a bid to paint and for unlawful advertising.

Steven B. Charles, dba Steve Charles Painting, is ordered to appear in Las Vegas Justice Court at 9 a.m. on June 5, 2007, for submitting a bid to paint and for unlawful advertising.

Jose Atanacio Lozaochoa is ordered to appear in Las Vegas Justice Court at 9 a.m. on May 8, 2007, for submitting a bid to install crown molding.

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Curtis Van Horne, dba Curt's Plumbing and Repair, submitted a bid to do kitchen cabinets and plumbing. Van Horne has prior complaints with the Board. A gross misdemeanor charge for *contracting without a license* and a misdemeanor charge for *unlawful advertising* will be filed with the District Attorney.

Contracting without a license in Nevada is a misdemeanor for the first offense, a gross misdemeanor for the second offense and a Class E felony for the third offense.

Homeowners should not use unlicensed contractors because their work is generally poor quality, they are often uninsured and may not maintain workman's compensation coverage for their employees, and the homeowner may be liable for all injuries to workers.

Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

Consumers can check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us

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