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CONTRACTOR ARRESTED ON FIVE FELONY COUNTS FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY HEARING

Gabriel R. Adame is accused of more than $250,000 theft from homeowners without performing any work
Adame, 50, could now face up to 85 years in prison.

LAS VEGAS, NV – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) held a disciplinary hearing on June 26, 2024, after which, formally licensed contractor Gabriel Raymundo Adame, owner of Adame Construction (license nos. 87433, 53598) was arrested by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police on five felony charges related to fraudulent construction activities. The NSCB revoked Adame's licenses on January 29, 2024, upon finding him guilty of multiple violations affiliated with 21 consumer complaints.

The NSCB's investigation into those cases uncovered consistent business practices of charging homeowners significantly large down payments for home remodel projects prior to any work being performed, many of whom were senior citizens, which carries a heightened penalty when found guilty under state law. The charges Adame faces include:

- Theft of $65,000 Cat B Felony - Senior homeowner
- Theft of $32,269.19 Cat B Felony – Senior homeowner
- Theft of $90,180.00 Cat B Felony – Senior homeowner
- Theft of $60,034.97 Cat B Felony
- Theft of $5202.80 Cat C Felony – Senior homeowner

"We expect the arrest of Mr. Adame to continue to set a strong tone for the industry that we will remain

vigilant in our efforts to bring unlawful and unscrupulous contractors to justice, whether you hold a license or not," said Deputy Executive Officer David Behar. "Consumers should have confidence when hiring a licensed contractor that they are abiding by the law and performing to the industry standards – anything less will be investigated when brought to our attention."

U.S. Army Veteran Mr. Adrian Pitts is a homeowner who lost $65,000 to Adame. He said he's relieved with the arrest because he feared Adame was going to get away with his crimes. "We cannot thank the Nevada State Contractors Board for their help," said Pitts. "Adame and his crew hurt a lot of people; he stole one couple's entire life savings, so, he needs to pay for what he did."

The Nevada State Contractors Board reminds anyone thinking of hiring a contractor to:

- Always hire a licensed contractor. You can verify the license here.
- Get three bids and make sure the project is within the same scope.
- Remember that down payments are required by law to be no more than 10 percent of the total project cost or $1,000; whichever is less.
- Obtain a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
- Ensure your payments align with work performed and keep a record of all payment receipts.
- Do not make a final payment until you are satisfied with the job.
- Never pay in cash as it is difficult to track and often prove the exchange of funds.
- Save all paperwork related to the project for at least four years.

"It is important consumers remember the value of hiring a licensed contractor," said Behar. "While it may not guarantee a perfect project from start to finish, it affords you four years of protections to seek recourse if something goes wrong, and you remain eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, which may award up to $40,000 for damages incurred."

The Contractors Board reminds homeowners to only hire licensed contractors to receive the protections of the NSCB. Homeowners are encouraged to visit the NSCB's website and view Contract Checklist for Home Improvement Projects. Consumers can always call to verify a contractor's license or to file a complaint. If you have any questions give us a call at 702-486-1100 or visit us at www.nscb.nv.gov.

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