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JUDGE IMPOSES HEAVY FINE ON ILLEGAL CONTRACTOR

Sandra Jeanne Tyler stole from 14 unsuspecting homeowners and ordered to make \$107,590 in restitution to the Nevada State Contractors Board

RENO, NEV. – Nevada District Court Judge Tammy Riggs today sentenced unlicensed contractor Sandra Jeanne Tyler after she confessed to stealing \$160,000 from 14 Northern Nevada homeowners. Judge Tammy Riggs sentenced Tyler to 36 months' probation, eight days in jail, and ordered her to pay \$107,590 to the Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) as reimbursement for restitution payments made to victims in this case. She is also required to make \$1,000 monthly payments until the balance

is paid. Last April, Tyler pled guilty to two felony counts of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses while she operated Re-Bath Reno. This was not her first offense. “We’re happy to shine the spotlight of justice on this unlicensed contractor. We also hope that today’s sentencing sends a message to unlicensed contractors,” said NSCB Director of Investigations Terry Wike.

Nevada law NRS 624 requires that all contractors working in Nevada must be licensed. The Nevada State Contractors Board reminds consumers to only hire licensed contractors. Homeowners can verify a contractor’s license by visiting: www.NVContractorsBoard.com.

The Board also recommends:

- Getting three bids of the same scope on any project
- Never be pressured to sign a contract
- Never pay cash. Only pay by credit card or check.
- Never make a check to an individual.
- It is Nevada law NRS 627.970(g) that down payments cannot exceed \$1000 or 10 percent of the aggregate contract price, whichever is less.

The Contractors Board asks the public to report any unlicensed contractors by visiting its website and submitting the [Online Report Form](#). Nevada homeowners with questions can call the NSCB at 702-486-1100.

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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 www.nscb.nv.gov.

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