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REVOKED CONTRACTOR WHO DEFRAUDED SENIORS OUT OF MORE THAN \$350,000 ARRESTED BY LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB/Board) welcomed the news of the arrest of one of its most egregious contractors, Steven A. Adinolfi, dba S & E Contracting, dba Made in the Shade, by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Adinolfi is awaiting hearing on 21 felony charges including fraud and obtaining money under false pretenses after the NSCB validated numerous consumer complaints – many seniors – of project abandonment where money was taken, but no work was performed.

The complaints were first received in late 2023 and lasted over a four-month period, resulting in the Board's findings that Adinolfi obtained more than \$350,000 from his victims. Following the revocation of Made in the Shade's license at a September 2023 disciplinary hearing, the NSCB partnered with the Attorney General's Office to pursue criminal charges for the alleged crimes committed.

"There is no disputing the harm caused when a contractor abandons a project after taking large down payments from consumers," expressed NSCB Executive Officer David Behar. "We are grateful for the work of our investigators, the partnership with the Attorney General's Office, and most importantly the consumers who came forward. Because of their courage to seek assistance, the Residential Recovery Fund has awarded more than \$408,000 to victims of Made in the Shade, emphasizing the continued importance of hiring only licensed contractors to receive the added protections and recourse options available through the Board."

A contractor's license can be verified on the Board's website, www.nscb.nv.gov, mobile application (NSCB Mobile App) or by contacting the Board's office by phone. Consumers should confirm the status of a contractor's license as "Active" at the time a contract is signed and before the project begins. Contracts should be in written format and include specific details on the work to be completed, materials to be used, special requests or agreements made between the parties, and any other items of importance discussed. Consumers have four years from the start of a project to file a complaint with the Board to be investigated.

The Residential Recovery Fund (RRF) is available only to single-family homeowners who hire licensed contractors and incur damage during their project. Eligible claims submitted to the RRF are thoroughly reviewed and may result in an award of up to \$40,000 to a harmed homeowner.

The NSCB cautions consumers to stay alert for the common red flags listed below, and notify the Board of any concerns or alleged unlawful activities they identify. Doing so will create greater public protection for everyone.

- Demands for large down payments or cash-only payments.
- Failure to put the terms of a project in writing.
- No contractor’s license number and/or contractor information does not match the NSCB’s website.
- Aggressive sales tactics and pushy ‘today-only’ pricing.

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MEDIA NOTE: Attached Image of Steven Adinolfi for media purposes 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 www.nscb.nv.gov.

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