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‘MADE IN THE SHADE’ OWNER STEVEN ADINOLFI PLEADS GUILTY TO FELONY FRAUD & DECEIT; AGREES TO RESTITUTION OF \$350,000

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – Steven Adinolfi, owner of ‘Made in the Shade,’ has plead guilty to one count of engaging in fraud or deceit in course of enterprise or occupation, a category B felony, in violation of NRS 205.377 and restitution to his victims in the amount of \$349,868.07.

In his plea agreement, Adinolfi agreed to pay a total of \$349,868.07 in restitution to the homeowner victims named by the prosecution in the criminal filing and/or to the Nevada State Contractors Board for reimbursement of claims paid out by the Residential Recovery Fund. If a payment of \$55,410 is made prior to sentencing, the State agrees not to oppose probation. If on probation and an additional payment of \$50,000 is made, the State agrees not to oppose the withdrawal of his guilty plea to the felony charge and will reduce to a guilty plea of one count of conspiracy to commit a crime, a gross misdemeanor in violation of NRS 199.480(3) with no further sentencing requirements.

Failure to uphold the terms of his plea agreement could result in imprisonment in the Nevada Department of Corrections for a minimum term of not less than one year and a maximum term of not more than 20 years, with additional fines not to exceed \$10,000.

“When egregious and predatory contractors like Steven Adinolfi are convicted of felony charges and ordered to pay full restitution, it demonstrates the commitment by the Nevada Attorney General to bring justice to the victims who were harmed,” stated Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) Executive Officer David Behar. “Being able to unify on these cases and advocate for the protection of consumers is our paramount objective and this case illustrated the unfortunate impact one individual can have on a community.”

The NSCB recently reported on the arrest of Adinolfi, dba S & E Contracting, dba Made in the Shade, by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in June after numerous consumer complaints were filed against the contractor for 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.

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. To date, the RRF has awarded over \$408,000 in claims filed by homeowners harmed by Made in the Shade.

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, cash-only payments or payments made to an individual (not the company listed on the contract).
- 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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