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‘BATTLE BORN FENCE’ OWNER ARRESTED ON FELONY THEFT WARRANT RELATED TO CONTRACTING WITHOUT A LICENSE

RENO, NEV. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) collaborated with the Capitol Police Division of the Nevada State Police Department on August 28 to apprehend unlicensed contractor Jesse Steven Diaz, dba Battle Born Fence at the NSCB Reno Office on a felony warrant for theft up to \$5,000.

Diaz was hired in 2023 by a northern Nevada consumer to erect a fence and build gates on the consumer’s residential property where he obtained \$2,500 cash deposit from the consumer and performed 0% of the contracted work. The NSCB opened an investigation following receipt of the consumer’s complaint that Diaz did not perform any work or supply any materials. The complaint was found valid and the case was forwarded to the Attorney General’s office for prosecution leading to a felony warrant being issued for Diaz’s arrest.

“The Board appreciates the swift action by the Nevada State Police, Capitol Police Division in arresting Jesse Diaz when notified of his whereabouts,” shared Executive Officer David Behar. “Unlicensed contractors like Diaz are often found to break the construction laws Nevada has in place to protect consumers leaving them vulnerable and with little avenues for recourse. Our collaboration with the District Attorney’s office helps bring justice to these individuals and restitution to their victims.”

The NSCB reminds all consumers to verify the contractors they hire have an “active” contractor’s license, regardless of the size or scope of a project. By law, a contractor’s license is required for any work over \$1,000 including labor and material costs. Additionally, a contractor’s license is required for all life/safety trades such as plumbing, electrical, or HVAC services.

To verify a contractor’s license, consumers should visit the NSCB website, www.nscb.nv.gov, download the NSCB mobile application or call the Board’s offices directly. It is important consumers look at the status of a license to ensure it is in an “active” or good standing, review any disciplinary actions taken, as well as verifying the contact information and license classification details mirror what was provided on any contract or documentation provided by the contractor.

Consumers can protect themselves by reading through the resources available online and watching for

these red-flag warnings:

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

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MEDIA NOTE: Attached arrest photos of Diaz are 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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