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‘MADE IN THE SHADE’ OWNER STEVEN ADINOLFI FOUND GUILTY OF FELONY, PAYS \$55K AT SENTENCING. JUDGE ORDERS ADDITIONAL \$294K IN RESTITUTION

LAS VEGAS, NEV. – Following a guilty plea by owner Steven Adinolfi of ‘Made in the Shade,’ Judge Yeager adjudicated Adinolfi guilty of 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.

Before rendering judgment, Judge Yeager heard testimony from Adinolfi and two of his victims during the court proceeding, in addition to considering written comments and impact statements from other victims. Judge Yeager’s sentence included assessment of administrative fees, suspension of 2-8 years in Nevada Department of Corrections, probation of 36 fixed months requiring the defendant maintain full-time employment, and the judgment of restitution in the amount of \$294,457.59.

As part of his plea agreement, Adinolfi paid \$55,410 resulting in the State submitting to negotiated sentencing, including credit for one day served.

“The sentence ordered by Judge Yeager exemplifies the value placed on Nevada’s construction laws and sends a bold message to those operating unlawfully that such actions will not be considered lightly when discovered,” stated Nevada State Contractors Board Executive Officer David Behar. “Our Board has established a collaborative relationship with the Attorney General’s office and will never hesitate to pursue the highest form of discipline for individuals who intentionally defraud and harm members of the public.”

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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