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CONSUMER ALERT

MISLEADING CONTRACTOR TARGETING ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS:

CONTRACTORS BOARD ASKS PUBLIC TO BE ON LOOKOUT

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board is seeking assistance from the public in identifying and reporting to the Board any interactions with Kevin Raynell Watson of Powatt, LLC. Watson is a 50-year-old black male, 6-foot 2-inches tall weighing about 230 pounds who is misrepresenting himself as a licensed contractor capable of performing home remodel and design projects.

In recent months, Watson targeted two senior veterans obtaining more than \$150,000 and nearly destroying the living conditions of the home due to poor workmanship and inferior materials. Watson uses photographs and videos from legitimate, licensed companies and presents them as examples of his own work. He has been known to enter into contracts with clients and request large upfront payments, often through wire transfers. Watson also purchases low-quality building materials from overseas suppliers, resulting in significant project delays and substandard workmanship.

“In a world where money plays a significant role in the selection of contractors to hire, it is unfortunate there are many individuals who actively seek to scam and harm consumers for their own personal gain based on a presumed trust of their knowledge and expertise,” commented NSCB Executive Officer David Behar. “Kevin Watson is someone the public should avoid at all costs, especially seniors. I want to remind the public to always trust their instincts and take time to properly vet any person you are seeking to hire and invite into your home – don’t just take their word for it.”

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.

Individuals have up to four years from the start of a project to file a complaint when they hire a licensed contractor and up to two years when the contractor is unlicensed. Consumers should know that a business license is separate from a contractor's license and does not afford the same protections of the Nevada State Contractors Board, which may include an investigation into the concerns, orders to remedy substandard workmanship, disciplinary actions against the licensee or eligibility to file a claim with the Residential Recovery Fund, which can award up to \$40,000 in financial recourse based on validated damages.

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FOR MEDIA USE ONLY: Attached .jpg of Kevin Watson

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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