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Convicted Felon Caught in NSCB Sting



Tiodoro Leyva

(Las Vegas) - Convicted felon, Tiodoro Corral Leyva was among those caught in a recent sting operation conducted by the Nevada State Contractors Board's Special Investigations Unit. Leyva responded to submit a bid for landscaping services and was issued a citation for contracting without a license.

As a result of the sting, NSCB criminal investigators issued (14) citations for unlicensed contracting. The violations included NRS 624.700 (engaging in business without a license), and NRS 624.720 (unlawful advertising). Among those cited were painters, landscapers (including synthetic lawn installers), as well as those who work with masonry and tile.

To conduct the undercover operation, investigators chose a location in which they could act as the homeowners. They scheduled appointments with suspected unlicensed contractors for projects such as landscaping and cement work. Upon arrival, the investigators would verify that the individuals were not licensed. The investigator then informed them of the operation and issued the citation.

The NSCB has cited Leyva or submitted him for criminal prosecution on seven prior occasions. These have resulted in a felony conviction for violations of NRS 624.700, engaging in business or submitting bid without a license. Leyva has a thirteen-year history of violations with the Contractors Board.

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Leyva, who is on supervised probation until January 9, 2007, is listed as a Priority One in the Dangerous Offender Notification System (DONS), a technological system designed to enhance cross-agency enforcement. Leyva must register for the felony violations of Engaging in Business or Submitting Bid without a License, Ex-felon in Possession of Firearms, and a Felony Counterfeiting charge.

Leyva has also used the names Ted Corral and Leiva Tiodoro. He has done business under the names *Garden of Eden Landscaping Service*, *Handyman Green Maintenance*, *Leyva's Landscaping and More*, and *Complete Landscaping Service*.

The NSCB plans to increase the number of stings throughout the state as part of its Proactive Investigations Program. Consumers are urged by the Contractors Board to hire only licensed contractors. Consumers can verify contractors' licenses and obtain helpful tips for working with contractors by calling (702) 486-1100 in southern Nevada or (775) 688-1141 in northern Nevada. Licenses can be verified 24 hours a day by logging on to www.nscb.state.nv.us.

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