



Nevada State Contractors Board

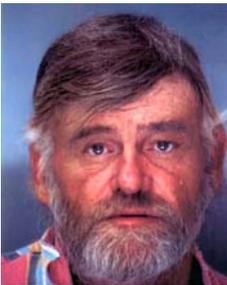
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NSCB Ten Most Wanted Dawson Arrested After Being Featured On FOX 5 KVVU-TV Report



William Dawson, wanted by the Nevada State Contractors Board for engaging in business without a contractor's license, unlawful advertising and diversion of funds, was arrested Feb. 20 by the Henderson Police Department on arrest warrants from Las Vegas Justice Court. Police responded to a private citizen's call who saw a report on Las Vegas television station Fox 5 KVVU in which Dawson was featured. Dawson was transported to the Clark County Detention Center, where he was being held on 27 charges for his illegal activities. His bail bond was set at \$37,900 or \$109,000 in cash.

The Nevada State Contractors Board warns homeowners to hire only licensed contractors. To assist in prosecuting illegal contracting, the Board has launched an online "Ten Most Wanted" list of individuals. Individuals posted on the Ten Most Wanted website are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity. Homeowners may check whether a contractor is licensed by going to www.nscb.state.nv.us or by contacting the NSCB at (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada.

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The NSCB urges consumers to follow these simple tips when dealing with a contractor:

- **Hire only licensed contractors. Ask to see the license.**
- **Don't rush into decisions or hire without checking out potential contractors.**
- **Be especially wary when approached by someone offering home improvements door-to-door.**
- **Verify the contractor's licensed by checking online at www.nscb.state.nv.us or via automated phone service at (702) 486-1100 (Las Vegas), or (775) 688-1141 (Reno).**
- **Ensure the contractor is properly licensed for the work you want done on your home.**
- **Limit the amount of your down payment or deposit to 10 percent of the total contract.**
- **Don't pay cash without obtaining signed receipts, and don't let the payments get ahead of the work.**

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