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<u>Eight Southern Nevada Contractors Cited</u> For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators recently conducted a sting operation in the Tropicana Avenue and Rainbow Boulevard areas of Las Vegas for alleged unlicensed contracting activity. Eight contractors received criminal citations:

Abie B. Garcia, dba Innovative Concrete Designs, submitted a bid to do concrete overlay and was cited for *submitting a bid without a license*.

Odilio Station, dba Silver State Iron Works, submitted a bid to install wrought iron and was cited for *submitting a bid without a license*.

Noorahr Sinanyan, dba Palm American Electric, submitted a bid to do electrical work and was cited for *submitting a bid without a license*.

Vincent Duggan submitted a bid to do electrical work and was cited for *submitting a bid* without a license.

Alan Daniel, dba Z-Best Painting, submitted a bid for painting and was cited for submitting a bid without a license and unlawful advertising.

Gustavo Cortez submitted a bid for painting and was cited for *submitting a bid without a license*.

Charges are being filed with the Clark County District Attorney's Office on the following contractors for *submitting bids without a license*:

Carlos Prado, dba CSP Construction, submitted a bid to do painting.

Leyter Benites, dba My Affordable Handyman, submitted a bid to do electrical work.

Contracting without a license in Nevada is a misdemeanor for the first offense, a gross misdemeanor for the second offense and a Class E felony for the third offense.

Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

The NSCB recommends that homeowners not use unlicensed contractors because their work is generally poor quality, they are often uninsured and may not maintain

Workman's Compensation coverage for their employees and the homeowner may be liable for all injuries to workers.

Consumers can check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us by clicking on the "Contractor License Search & Disciplinary Actions Search" icon.