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Six Southern Nevada Contractors Cited For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators in Southern Nevada recently conducted a sting operation in the Tropicana Avenue and Nellis Boulevard area for alleged unlicensed contracting activity. Six contractors were cited:

Gerardo Oliveros, dba T-Beau, submitted a bid for a block wall and was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license* and *unlawful advertising*.

Juan M. Bravo, dba Palafox Flooring, submitted a bid to install flooring and was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license* and *unlawful advertising*.

Jason Bloom submitted a bid for painting and was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license* and *unlawful advertising*.

Mark E. Hamilton, dba Unique Desert Landscaping, submitted a bid for landscaping and was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*.

Jose Vasquez, dba ABC Landscaping, submitted a bid for landscaping and was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*.

Benito Garcia, dba Yobany's Landscape, submitted a bid for landscaping and was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*.

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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.

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