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CONSUMER ALERT

UNLICENSED 'TRAVELER' OFFERING ROOF REPAIRS TO SCAM SOUTHERN NEVADA RESIDENTS

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board is warning home and business owners in southern Nev. of travelers operating a roofing scam in the Las Vegas area. The alleged unlicensed suspect has been identified as Joshua Spiro, 48. NSCB submitted evidence to the Clark County District Attorney's Office on June 26 seeking prosecution of Spiro, after receiving a complaint from a Las Vegas resident who paid Spiro a \$2,300 down payment for a \$5,300 roof repair project. The case charges the elder Spiro with obtaining money under false pretenses, contracting without a license and unlawful advertising.

Spiro is known in states across the nation as a 'traveler' operating under a myriad of aliases. Most recently in Nevada, he has gone by "Rick" and "Frank" and used the business names "Spiro Roofing" and "Lee's Roofing." Spiro's son, also Joshua Spiro, has been identified by one of the victims as accompanying Spiro to the victim's home.

"It is important for Nevada homeowners to be vigilant of anyone soliciting home repairs, especially roofing and paving work, as these are the trades used most by unlicensed travelers to scam homeowners," explained NSCB Executive Officer Margi A. Grein. "Travelers are known for their well-versed sales tactics, requests for large down payments, and performing little or no work in return. Anyone who is unable to provide you with a contractor's license number should be an instant red flag."

Investigators found the elder Spiro was the subject of two earlier complaints. They often market roofing services through flyers. The owner of the residence where Spiro was operating out of identified the younger Spiro and his wife as recent tenants. He said the elder Spiro and his wife had been living with the tenants, but that all had moved out within the last week.

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NSCB is urging anyone who feels they may have been scammed by the Spiro's or who have information on the Spiro's whereabouts to contact the **NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline: (702) 486-1160 as soon as possible.**

The Board encourages anyone looking to have work performed on their home to always verify a contractor's license number on the Board's website or contact the Board directly at (702) 486-1100 before signing a contract. Homeowners who hire licensed contractors receive the Board's full protections should something go wrong during the course of a project, and may be eligible for the Board's Residential Recovery Fund, which can award up to \$35,000 in financial recourse to damaged homeowners.

Disclaimer – All alleged suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court of law.

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