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## Homeowner & Commercial Business Alert!

### ***ASPHALT PAVING SCAM ATTEMPTED***

The Nevada State Contractors Board is warning homeowners and commercial business owners to be on the lookout for an unlicensed asphalt paving company in the Las Vegas area going by the name of **Asphalt Parking Lot & Paving**. The owner, Samuel Valentine Stewart of Monee, Ill, is alleged to have approached a local business in Las Vegas to pave their parking lot. A representative from Asphalt Parking Lot & Paving bid the paving job for \$10,000 and then submitted an invoice for \$72,468 after the work was completed.

Unlicensed traveling contractors traditionally crisscross the United States this time of the year and target businesses and homeowners with door-to-door solicitations, claiming to be in the neighborhood with leftover materials, quoting low prices and using high-pressure sales tactics.

Historically, these types of traveling pavers' workmanship is substandard and will deteriorate rapidly. **Asphalt Parking Lot & Paving is not licensed to do business in Nevada.** If approached by representatives of the company, homeowners and commercial

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business owners are encouraged to contact the Las Vegas office of the Nevada State Contractors Board Criminal Investigations Unit at: (702) 486-1100, Ext. 1144.

Contacting 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.

**The Nevada State Contractors Board offers these tips to protect yourself from being scammed:**

- **Hire only licensed contractors. Ask to see their NSCB license.**
- **Don't rush into decisions or hire someone without checking out potential contractors.**
- **Be especially wary when approached by someone offering door-to-door home improvements.**
- **Verify the contractor's license by checking online at: [www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us) or calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada.**
- **Ensure the contractor is properly licensed for the work you want done on your home.**
- **Limit 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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