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NSCB Investigators Cite Three Contractors; File With DA Against Fourth For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators conducted a sting operation on April 15, 2008, in the southwest area of Las Vegas for alleged unlicensed contracting activity.

Those who received criminal citations and ordered to appear in court for allegedly *contracting without a license* by submitting bids were:

James Barnes, submitted a bid for *electrical work*; **Frank Quintal**, submitted a bid to *install crown molding*; and **Bryan Blanchone**, submitted a bid for *painting*.

A summons to appear in court has been filed with the Clark County District Attorney's Office on **Richard Macchi**, submitting a bid for *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.

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Work that is less than \$1,000 which does not require a city or county building permit and does not involve electrical, plumbing, air conditioning/heating or refrigeration does not require a contractor's license.

However, 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

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