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Four Unlicensed Contractors Added To NSCB'S Ten Most Wanted

Jose Luis Deltoro-Vargas, dba Deltoro Handyman, Concrete Landscaping Specialties and Jose Landscaping and Concrete, has been added to the Nevada State Contractors Board's Ten Most Wanted in Southern Nevada. A felony warrant *for using a false license* has been issued on him by Las Vegas Justice Court. Deltoro-Vargas also has a misdemeanor charge filed against him for *contracting without a license*.

Deltoro-Vargas allegedly entered into several contracts with homeowners in excess of \$2,000 each. He was paid money up front, did some work and never came back to finish repairs. The alleged unlicensed contractor mainly contracts for concrete patio or landscaping jobs.

Uona Taumalolo, Lucas Hunter Schopper and Javier Rodriguez have been added to the NSCB's Ten Most Wanted in Northern Nevada.

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Taumalolo, aka Lolo, was cited and placed on the Ten Most Wanted in 2008 for *advertising without a license* and *contracting without a license*, after submitting a bid to an undercover NSCB investigator to do concrete work. Taumalolo failed to appear in court, and a warrant from Justice Court of Reno Township was issued on him.

The alleged unlicensed contractor apparently didn't learn his lesson and recently submitted a bid in excess of \$1,000 to a NSCB investigator for the installation of a concrete patio. A felony warrant for *contracting without a license* has been issued on him from Justice Court of Reno Township.

Schopper, a former licensed contractor, dba Bella Terra Professional Landscaping Services, LLC., had his license revoked by the Board in October 2009. He recently provided a \$1,450 bid for the installation of a countertop. He had been advertising his services on Craigslist under the advertisement: "Huge Countertop Sale! No Demolition to Your Countertops Save Big \$\$\$." A misdemeanor warrant has been issued on him from Justice Court of Reno Township for contracting without a license.

Justice Court of Reno Township recently issued a misdemeanor warrant on **Javier Rodriguez** for *contracting without a license*. He provided a \$3,850 bid to an undercover NSCB investigator for the installation of pavers and wood floors and some painting. Rodriguez is alleged to be an illegal alien. If the public has information on Rodriguez, they are urged to call the "Unlicensed Contractor Hotline" at: (775) 850-7838.

"Homeowners need to be fully aware of who they are hiring and letting into their homes," said Executive Officer of the NSCB Margi Grein. "Homeowners put themselves and their families at risk when they hire unlicensed and uninsured contractors.

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"If these contractors get hurt on your property, the homeowner could be held liable. They carry no insurance, are not bonded and have not met any standards of the trade they represent themselves to perform."

Grein added that it is important for consumers to check the license status of any company before hiring them on the NSCB website at: **www.nscb.state.nv.us** .

The Special Investigations Unit of the Nevada State Contractors Board is hard at work tracking and citing offenders and informing the public of their rights and responsibilities. To assist in prosecuting illegal contracting, the Nevada State Contractors Board launched an online "Ten Most Wanted." Individuals listed on the Ten Most Wanted website pages are those who have outstanding arrest warrants for unlicensed contracting activity.

Contractors and members of the public can go online at: **www.nscb.state.nv.us** and click "Ten Most Wanted" to review suspects' profiles. The website includes contact numbers to provide information about the individuals profiled.

The person(s) listed on the Nevada State Contractors Board Ten Most Wanted website and in press releases have not been convicted of the charges and are presumed innocent.

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