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TDLR joins other states in coordinated enforcement effort against unlicensed contractors

Agency will file at least 47 enforcement cases as a result of three-week long effort

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation will file at least 47 enforcement cases against unlicensed electricians and air conditioning contractors as a result of the agency’s participation in a national operation.

The enforcement effort was coordinated by the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) and included 11 states: Texas, Arizona, California, the District of Columbia, Florida, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island and Utah. The operation ran in those states from June 3 to June 21.

The national enforcement effort provided participating states with the opportunity to protect consumers, deter illegal construction activity and level the playing field for legitimate contractors in the construction industry.

TDLR’s efforts included jobsite sweeps by the Regulatory Program Management Division, who visited 52 jobsites in the greater Central Texas area, checking 233 people for electrician licenses and finding that 17 of them had expired licenses. Five of the 233 did not have a license of any kind to perform electrical work.

TDLR investigators researched and obtained more than 100 advertisements in San Antonio where people were offering to perform electrical or air conditioning work and did not appear to have the appropriate license. Each of them was invited to provide a bid to undercover investigators. Forty-two of the unlicensed contractors provided a bid and offered to perform electrical work or install an air conditioning/heating unit.

Consumers and legitimate licensees should know that TDLR is working hard to find unlicensed contractors. “If you hire an unlicensed contractor, you risk not getting quality work, and you could be putting your family’s safety at risk. Always check the TDLR website (www.tdlr.texas.gov) to make sure that your electrician or air conditioning contractor is licensed,” said Brian E. Francis, TDLR executive director.

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TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 39 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 800,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's [website](#) for more information and resources. You can search the [TDLR licensee database](#), and also find [past violations](#) in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Chinese.

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