

CONSUMER ALERT

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CONTRACTOR SCOTT ASHBY, D/B/A WESTERN WATERWORKS, BANNED FROM DOING BUSINESS IN NORTH DAKOTA.

BISMARCK, ND – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem has issued a cease and desist order permanently banning **Scott Ashby** of Everett, Washington, d/b/a **Western Waterworks**, from conducting business in North Dakota.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division initiated an investigation after receiving a complaint from a consumer who made paid \$1,750 of a \$3,500 contract to install a sprinkler system. Ashby completed some of the work, and then never returned. The Attorney General previously fined Ashby in July 2013 and, again, in July 2014 for operating without a contractor's license. Ashby has a history of failing to finish projects.

For more information, please refer to the Cease and Desist Order at <http://www.ag.nd.gov/CPAT/AVC/C&D-ScottAshby.pdf>.

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem reminds consumers to check the Secretary of State's website to see if an individual has a contractor's license, at <http://www.nd.gov/sos/>, or by calling that office at (701) 328-2900, and never to do business with an unlicensed contractor.

However, being licensed is not a guarantee. Consumers should always obtain and compare written bids from several contractors and obtain contact information for previous customers for references to check the quality of the contractor's work.

Never provide a large advance payment before the work is completed.

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