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LOCKSMITH COMPANIES, EMPLOYEES FOUND OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE

JEFFERSON PARISH- The State Fire Marshal's Office (SFM) has issued a cease and desist order to two unlicensed locksmith firms along with three of their employees who were also unlicensed.

Locksmith Services and American Locksmith have been ordered to stop operating until they obtain licensing from the SFM as required by law. In addition, Locksmith Services has received a civil notice of violation for one count of License Required. American Locksmith is pending service of its notice on the same charge.

Forest Graves from New Orleans, Sahar Maor from California, and Aharon Myron from Nevada, are also to refrain from operating until appropriate licensure is obtained. Two of the three employees, Graves and Maor, were each issued criminal misdemeanor summons for one count of Engaging in Life Safety and Property Protection Contracting Without Authority.

After receiving complaints from Jefferson Parish residents about experiencing charges for work that exceeded original quotes, and being left with unsatisfactory work that had to be repaired by new companies, SFM Licensing division deputies conducted a multi-day compliance operation last week. During those operations, deputies confirmed the firms and employees were doing unauthorized work.

"Our state's life safety and property protection licensing laws are critical to protecting consumers and providing a fair playing field for the industry," said State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning, "This agency remains committed to ensuring businesses and their employees are qualified and trustworthy to do work for the citizens of this state."

To avoid falling victim to unlicensed life safety and property protection businesses, check the name on the State Fire Marshal's website, lasfm.org, before calling the company. If you feel you've fallen victim to an unlicensed life safety and property protection business, you can file an official complaint also on the SFM's website.

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