



# UNLICENSED BUILDER PROSECUTIONS

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The Board Takes Unlicensed Builder Activity Seriously.

Since December 14, 2023, the Board has identified and/or stopped the work of 17 unlicensed builders, has sworn seven criminal complaint, and has prosecuted one unlicensed builder case in district criminal court.

**UB 21-164, Cleophus Smith**

Mobile County District Court, January 2, 2024

**Disposition:** Unlicensed builder was charged with engaging in the practice of residential homebuilding without holding a current and valid homebuilders license as required by Ala. Code §34-14A-5,14 (1975). The victim was paid in full, and the case was nolle prossed.

**UB22-012, Larry Thomas Nicholson**

Mobile County Circuit Court, January 8, 2024

**Disposition:** Unlicensed builder was charged with engaging in the practice of residential homebuilding without holding a current and valid homebuilders license as required by Ala. Code §34-14A-5,14 (1975). Builder ordered to pay \$2,500.00 restitution to homeowner in theft of property case.

**UB 22-028, Cleophus Smith**

Mobile County District Court, January 2, 2024

**Disposition:** Unlicensed builder was charged with engaging in the practice of residential homebuilding without holding a current and valid homebuilders license as required by Ala. Code §34-14A-5,14 (1975). The victim was paid in full, and the case was nolle prossed.

**UB23-137, Blake Trammell**

Cherokee County District Court, January 9, 2024

**Disposition:** Unlicensed builder was charged with engaging in the practice of residential homebuilding without holding a current and valid homebuilders license as required by Ala. Code §34-14A-5,14 (1975). The unlicensed builder pled guilty, the fine was remitted, for UB to repay restitution in this case and others, received a 365-days suspended sentence, and 24 months of probation.

**UB23-152, Michael Cortez**

Baldwin County District Court, January 11, 2024

**Disposition:** Unlicensed builder was charged with engaging in the practice of residential homebuilding without holding a current and valid homebuilders license as required by Ala. Code §34-14A-5,14 (1975). The unlicensed builder pled guilty, was fined \$1,000.00, received a 30-day suspended sentence, and 24 months of probation.

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