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The following information was released by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation:

Yesterday, Department of Business and Professional Regulations Division of Regulation investigators conducted a sweep of Dade and Broward counties for unlicensed talent agents. During the sweep, investigators visited talent agencies to check for proper licensure and issued two citations and one cease and desist notice to unlicensed talent agents.

Talent agents play an important role for aspiring actors, singers and models, and it is important that they have the required education and credentials to navigate entertainment industry, said Secretary Charlie Liem.

The following agencies were issued penalties for acting as a talent agent without a license:

NameAddressPenalty

One Source Talent1250 E. Hallandale Beach Blvd., Suite 603, Hallandale Beach Fla. 33009Cease and Desist Notice

MC2 Model Management

1674 Alton Rd., Suite 500 Miami Beach, Fla. 33139Citation

Seth Rudolph and Associates, Age Model Management940 Lincoln Rd., Suite 202 Miami, Fla. 33139 Citation

The South Florida talent agent sweep was part of DBPRs quarterly statewide unlicensed activity operation. This quarter, department investigators focused on the smaller professions regulated by the department, such as landscape architects, auctioneers and talent agents. The department is charged with regulating 18 different professions with more than 410,000 licensees. For more information about what services require a DBPR license, please visit MyFloridaLicense.com/dbpr/services.

Hiring an unlicensed individual can threaten the financial and personal safety of consumers, as well as the livelihood of state-licensed professionals. Unlicensed individuals may not carry workers compensation or liability insurance, and consumers may end up paying for injuries on the job. Additionally, unlicensed individuals often underbid licensed professionals, which results in law-abiding professionals losing work to those who do not meet state licensure requirements.

Here are some tips to help consumers protect themselves against unlicensed activity:

Always ask to see the State of Florida license.

Note the license number and verify that the license is current. To check a license, call 850-487-1395 or visit MyFloridaLicense.com.

Ask for references and check each one.

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