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Unlicensed and Uninsured employers arrested

Davis, CA — March 15, 2007 — The Yolo County District Attorney's Office, in conjunction with the Contractor's State Licensing Board, the Davis Police Department, and the California Department of Insurance conducted yet another full day sting operation targeting Unlicensed contractors. Using a donated home in the City of Davis, persons advertising themselves to be available for construction services were invited to provide a bid. Where the amount of the job exceeded, \$500, arrests were made. This operation resulted in eleven unlicensed contractors being arrested. Only three contractors were in compliance with the law.

Today's operation was a part of a series of stings that have been conducted in Yolo County since September of 2006. Thus far, seventy-one unlicensed contractors have been arrested and or cited.

According to Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig, "Consumer protection and guaranteeing a fair marketplace are critical responsibilities for law enforcement in Yolo County." Lieutenant Dan Stroski added, "Uninsured employers and unlicensed contractors present many risks to consumers, including the fact that unlicensed contractors offer no assurances that the job will be done correctly and to industry standards."

More stings in Yolo County are anticipated.

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