

COUNTY OF YOLO OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEFF W. REISIG, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PRESS RELEASE

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY WARNS ABOUT UNLICENSED AND UNINSURED CONTRACTORS

Woodland, CA - January 9, 2008 - With hundreds of Yolo County homeowners in need of repairs due to the storms last week, property owners need to be aware of unlicensed and/or uninsured contractors. The office of the District Attorney wants to advise property owners that under California Law, contractors must have a valid California contractor's license to perform repairs where the cost of materials and labor is \$500 or more. Further, contractors who utilize employees to perform the repairs, must have a valid workers' compensation insurance policy.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig says that "by hiring only licensed and insured contractors, home owners can be more confident about the quality of workmanship and have legal recourse if the work is done poorly."

Property owners can verify a contractor's license by checking online at <u>http://www.cslb.ca.gov</u> or by calling the Contractors State License Board automated phone service at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752).

The office of the District Attorney wants to encourage Yolo County citizens to report unlicensed and/or uninsured contractors to the California Contractors State License Board or the District Attorney's office.

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