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## Granite Bay Contractor Pleads to Charges for Unlicensed Work

(Woodland, CA) – December 7, 2010 Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced today that 36 year old Christopher David Boley, of Granite Bay, was convicted of a felony charge of theft from an elder and two misdemeanor charges for contracting violations. An El Macero couple hired Boley to do extensive work on their home. When problems began surfacing, the victims discovered that Boley was not licensed. The work already done by Boley did not satisfy building codes and had to be redone at great expense. The Contractors State License Board (CSLB), the agency responsible for investigating contractor-related crimes, started an investigation which resulted in the District Attorney filing criminal charges.

"Unlicensed contractors hurt everyone; not only the victims but the licensed professionals who work hard to make and keep their good status," commented District Attorney Reisig. "The CSLB investigates contractor fraud cases and are readily accessible to check licensing status," continued Reisig. "We always appreciate the work they do to ensure that our homes and residents are safe."

The District Attorney cautions against hiring unlicensed contractors. A licensed contractor is usually protected by insurance and the rigorous testing and monitoring by the CSLB helps to ensure quality work. Work performed by an unlicensed contractor may expose the homeowner to the risks of liability for injury. The work may also violate codes so homeowners are no longer covered by their insurance. The DA's Office encourages homeowners to simply check the contractor's license online with the CSLB or call the CSLB. License status may be checked at: https://www2.cslb.ca.gov/OnlineServices/CheckLicenseII/CheckLicense.aspx.

Boley is scheduled to be sentenced on January 14, 2011 at 10:00 in Department 6 of the Yolo County Superior Court.