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FRAUD ALERT

Telemarketing Sales Call Leads to Expensive and Extensive Repairs

(Woodland, CA) – March 1, 2012 Recently, Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig's Office has received several reports of older adults who purchased dual pane windows for their homes after being contacted by telephone salesmen. In one instance a visually impaired West Sacramento resident paid over \$18,000 after she agreed to have a new roof installed. Fortunately, an alert West Sacramento Code Enforcement Officer discovered that the roofing sub-contractor failed to obtain the proper permit from the Building Department. A complaint has now been filed with the Contractors State License Bureau (CSLB).

Contractor fraud continues to be a problem in Yolo County. Being prepared and doing some homework can prevent many problems. Homeowners should follow these guidelines when considering having hiring someone to work on their home:

- * Be wary of contractors contacting you door-to-door or by telephone;
- * Take the time to thoroughly check out contractors before hiring one;
- * Get three written bids and call to check references. Never pay by cash; and
- * Check the contractors license number and workers compensation insurance with the CSLB at 1-800-321-2752 or www.cslb.ca.gov.

Finally, code requirements vary so always check with your local building department to find out and verify what permits are needed for the job you are considering. The Building Departments in the County of Yolo are as follows:

City of West Sacramento Building Dept. - (916) 617-4645
City of Davis Community Development Dept. - (530) 757-5610
City of Woodland Building Division - (530) 661-5820
City of Winters Community Development Dept. - (530) 795-4910
Yolo County Planning and Public Works - (530) 666-8775

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