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Woodland, CA-- The Yolo County District Attorney's Office announces that on Friday, May 23, 2008, members of the Yolo Unlicensed Rapid Apprehension Team (YoURAT) arrested the one-hundredth suspect for contracting without a license. Members from the Yolo County District Attorney Insurance Fraud Unit, the State Contractor's License Board and Employment Development Department, (EDD), our newest member, conducted a four hour sting in a home West of Woodland.

Lt. Dan Stroski, who is in charge of the District Attorney Insurance Fraud Unit, says that with the addition of EDD to our team, we can now audit employers who appear to be acting illegally, failing to report or reporting falsely on their quarterly reports to EDD. With these four new arrests, a total of one hundred private businesspersons have been arrested for contracting without a license, not having workers' compensation insurance, or paying their employees "under the table." "The idea is a simple one, if you are going to do business in Yolo county, do it right and do it legally," says Jeff Reisig, District Attorney of Yolo County.

Lt. Dan Stroski says without the benefit of licensing, you don't know whom you're letting into your home. Nor do you have any assurances that the job will be done right and within industry standards. During one recent sting, one suspect had an outstanding warrant for rape. The crime of contracting with out a license is committed when a person agrees to performs services such as carpentry, painting, cement work, plumbing and electrical, for \$500 or more. The \$500 includes the cost of labor and materials. After each individual is arrested, they are given all the information needed on how to secure and maintain a contractor's license in good standing. The main goal for YoURAT is to ensure that contractors offer quality services to Yolo County Citizens in a legal and honest manner.

Consumers can contact the Contractor's State License Board at <http://www.cslb.ca.gov/> to verify that the person they may doing business with is a licensed and bonded contractor.