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California Construction Industry Urged to Help CSLB Conduct its Highly Successful Undercover Sting Operations

SACRAMENTO – One of the Contractors State License Board's (CSLB) best tools to catch unlicensed contractors is an undercover sting operation. CSLB conducts stings all around the state on a regular basis.

The stings are conducted by CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Teams (SWIFT) with the assistance of state or local law enforcement agencies. Every year, investigators arrest hundreds of unlicensed contractors through these undercover operations that are staged unannounced year-round throughout California.

In order to continue these efforts to curb the underground economy, CSLB needs access to more residential and commercial properties to use for 1-2 days as sting sites to catch suspected unlicensed contractors.

Recognizing that stings are one of CSLB's most effective weapons against illegal contracting, the Board gave their approval to schedule more events to flush out phony contractors in 2017.

To offer a property for use at a future sting, or to learn more about these operations, please contact the SWIFT office closest to you:

Northern California 916.255.2924, SWIFTNorth@cslb.ca.gov

Central California 559.490.0580, SWIFTCentral@cslb.ca.gov

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