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Crackdown on Unlicensed Contractors in Elk Grove

ELK GROVE, CA – On Tuesday, June 19, 2007 and on Thursday, June 21, 2007, the Elk Grove Police Department, along with the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) conducted a "sting" operation.

Members of CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) posed as homeowners and invited suspects to bid on various home improvement jobs ranging from landscaping and concrete to painting, marble and tile work. The individuals targeted included those arrested in previous stings, from complaint files and from ads in newspapers and mailers. When the bids exceeded the legal limit of \$500 (labor & materials), and they were confirmed as unlicensed, they were arrested.

During the course of the two-day operation, approximately 35 suspects were invited to the sting location. Of those, thirty (30) were found in violation.

Twenty-three were given a Notice to Appear (NTA) before a Sacramento County Superior Court judge in July to face misdemeanor charges, seven suspects received civil citations, and two were arrested on other charges when their identities were run through law enforcement databases.