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## **Contractors State License Board Appeals to California's Construction Industry for Help with Undercover Sting Operations**

*Locations needed to catch unlicensed operators*

**SACRAMENTO** – One of the Contractors State License Board's (CSLB) most successful tools for catching unlicensed operators is an undercover sting operation. The most difficult part of conducting a sting is locating and securing houses and business buildings to use. CSLB is making an urgent appeal to the state's construction industry for help. CSLB needs residential and commercial properties that can be used for one to two days at a time. Sting addresses are not identified during any media coverage, and the property owners are not present during the operation.

In 2009 CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) conducted more than 100 stings and sweep operations, resulting in more than 700 legal actions and the arrest of 43 individuals. During CSLB's March 2010 California Blitz operation, simultaneous stings were conducted over a two-day period in 11 different cities.

Ideal properties for these activities include foreclosed homes or businesses, rental properties that are between tenants, and homes that licensees may own for the purposes of remodeling and selling.

Donating a property for this endeavor is a way to help CSLB in its efforts to combat the underground economy and level the playing field for California's licensed, insured, and bonded contractors.

If you can supply a property or know of someone who can, please contact SWIFT in Northern California at (916) 255-2924, (559) 445-5583 in Central California, or in Southern California at (562) 345-7570.

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