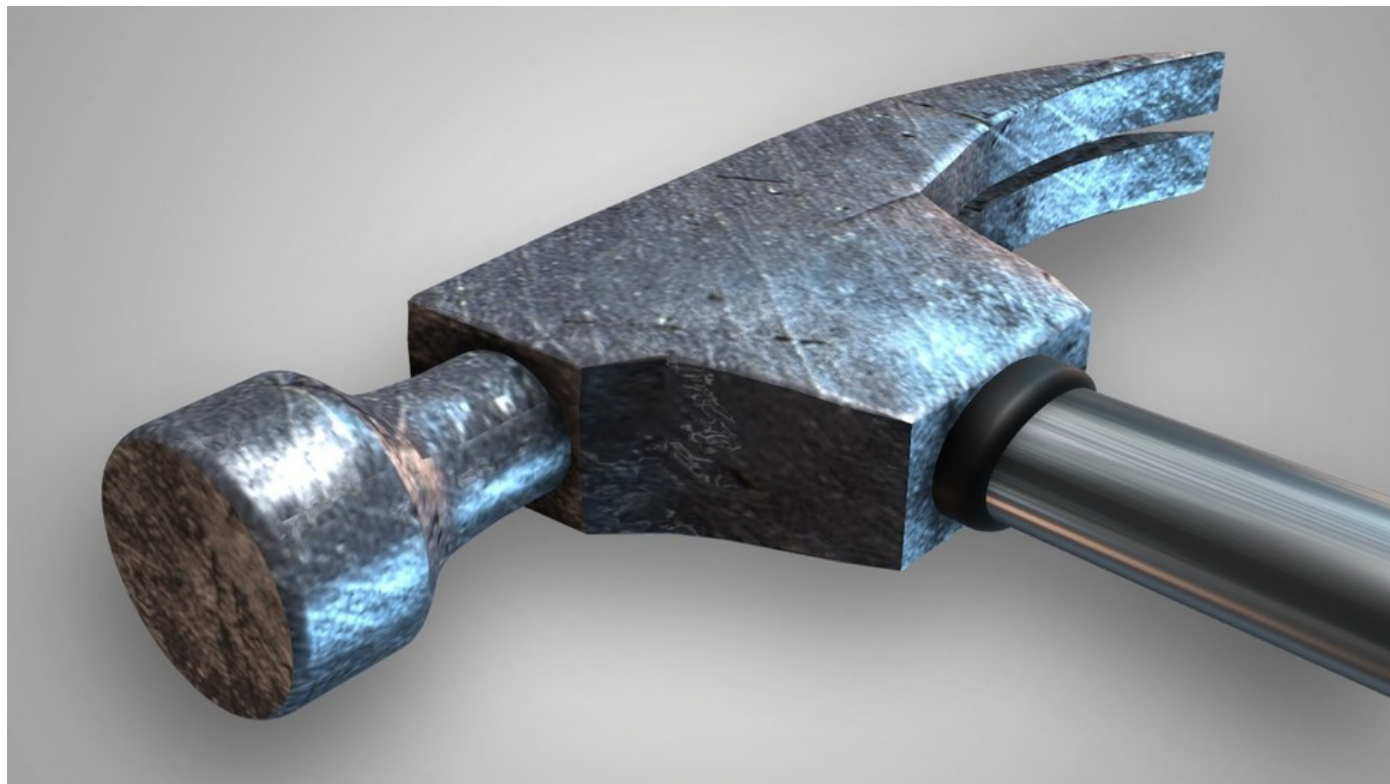


15 unlicensed contractors cited in undercover Bakersfield sting

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (KBAK/KBFX) —



The [Contractors State License Board](#) announced Wednesday that investigators cited 15 unlicensed contractors in an undercover sting in Bakersfield.

The multiagency sting was conducted Feb. 21 and 22 at a home near Fruitvale Norris Park.

The CSLB's Statewide Investigative Fraud Team partnered with the [California Department of Insurance](#) and [Kern County District Attorney's Office](#) to solicit home-improvement project bids from contractors they believed weren't operating under a license.

Suspects were cited for allegedly not carrying workers' compensation insurance policies, requesting excessive down payments and illegal advertising.

CSLB Registrar Dave Fogt warns that homeowners "are potentially liable if an unlicensed individual gets hurt on their property. Plus, recourse for homeowners is limited if the person's work is substandard or never completed."

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All suspects cited are scheduled to appear at [Kern County Superior Court](#) on April 24.

Cited were:

- David Michael Wiggins
- Loren E. Stabile
- Eddie Gene Fowler
- Ronald Dean Reece
- Jose Juan Rios Villegas Jr.
- Dimas Bibian Hernandez-Lopez
- Jose D. Villapando Rodriguez
- Paul Gonzalez
- James Eugene Cody
- Donnie Ray Hughes
- Jared Chandler Parks
- Joel Arnaldo Hernandez Jimenez
- Gary Lee Ford
- Randy Britton Jr. Hynson
- Joseph Dominus Stebbins

