

Carson City firm troubled by Kevin Costner's legal fight

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The legal battle between actors Kevin Costner and Stephen Baldwin over oil-spill technology may sound all Hollywood.

But it's an oily mess that recently spilled over into Northern Nevada, much to the chagrin of business owner Bret Sheldon.

An engineer by trade, Sheldon owns Carson City-based centrifuge company CINC Industries. That would be the same CINC Industries that was originally formed by Costner nearly two decades ago as the Costner In Nevada Corporation.

The link to Costner landed Sheldon and his company in a Los Angeles Times story about the lawsuit earlier this month.

Although Sheldon is more than happy to talk about his company, the Costner-Baldwin dustup is one sticky situation he'd rather not step into.

"That lawsuit is something that doesn't involve us directly so I prefer not to comment on it," Sheldon said. "It's really between Ocean Therapy Solutions and the people who filed the lawsuit."

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