

## *Auto mechanic jailed*

SAN DIEGO (AP) — An Oceanside auto mechanic found guilty of charging customers for faulty repair work was sentenced to 30 days in county jail and ordered to quit offering mechanical installation service at his business firm.

Marvin Merrill, 46, also was put on three years' probation Thursday and was ordered to make a total of \$3,000 in reimbursements to past victims of his faulty work. The sentence was based on his conviction on charges of petty theft and false advertising.<sup>N</sup>

Merrill can continue selling and installing tires at his firm, Deputy Dist. Atty. Daniel Deuppey said.

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