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YUBA CITY MAN WILL STAND TRIAL ON FELONY CHARGES RELATED TO UNLICENSED AUTO REPAIRS

SACRAMENTO – A Yuba City man who was investigated by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) for operating an auto repair business without a valid Automotive Repair Dealer (ARD) registration will stand trial on several felony counts.

A Sutter County Superior Court judge today ordered Henry Trejo to face trial on multiple charges of grand theft and attempted extortion.

Besides operating an unlicensed auto repair shop, BAR investigators found that Henry Trejo sold unnecessary repairs, charged consumers for parts they did not receive, and made false or misleading statements to consumers, many of whom filed complaints with BAR. The case was turned over to the Sutter County District Attorney's office for prosecution.

Trejo has been held in the Sutter County jail on \$90,000 bail since his October 15, 2010 arraignment.

"Consumers may think they're saving money when they go to an unlicensed auto repair shop, but more often than not they're getting ripped off," said BAR Chief Sherry Mehl.

"Consumers should make sure they deal only with licensed shops. That way, if they have a problem, BAR can step in and help them."

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BAR encourages consumers to remember the following tips before taking your vehicle to an automotive repair shop:

- Verify the Automotive Repair Dealer's license is valid by checking online at www.bar.ca.gov, or call 1-800-952-5210.
- Ask for a written estimate for any repairs before work begins.
- Ask for the return of any parts replaced during the repair.
- Ask for a detailed final invoice upon completion.

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The Bureau of Automotive Repair operates under the umbrella of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. BAR regulates more than 34,000 licensed Automotive Repair Dealers.