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### **UNLICENSED SAN RAMON AUTO REPAIR SHOP OWNER ARRESTED**

*Arrest underscores State efforts to halt unlicensed operators*

SAN RAMON – A State Department of Consumer Affairs/Bureau of Automotive Repair (DCA/BAR) investigation has led to the arrest of Daniel J. Mims of San Ramon for allegedly running an unlicensed auto repair operation. Mims has a prior revoked Automotive Repair Dealer registration as well as 2 prior convictions.

“Consumers who had collision repairs done by Daniel Mims may have paid for parts they didn’t receive and/or work that wasn’t performed, and their vehicles may actually be unsafe to drive,” said Acting DCA Director Brian Stiger. “We’re asking anyone who believes they may be a victim to contact BAR’s Auto Body Inspection program.”

BAR’s Auto Body Inspection program enables consumers to have collision related repairs checked free of charge by a BAR professional. To make an appointment, consumers can call toll-free (866) 799-3811.

The investigation began when DCA/BAR received complaints regarding substandard repairs. The DCA/BAR conducted an undercover operation and found Mims to be illegally performing automotive repairs for compensation without a license. As part of its investigation DCA/BAR confirmed violations of the Automotive Repair Act, making false or misleading statements, and operating an unregistered repair facility.

“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.”

This case has been submitted to the Contra Costa County District Attorney for criminal action.

Consumers can find the status of a license, get information, or file a complaint by calling the Department of Consumer Affairs hotline at 1-800-952-5210 or by visiting on the DCA Web site at [www.dca.gov](http://www.dca.gov).

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