

Repairman works under threat of shotgun

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VISTA, Calif. - A Vista, Calif., man was arrested this week after a repairman reported that he was ordered to fix the man's satellite television and Internet service at gunpoint, a sheriff's detective said.

The resident, Gary Thomson, was apparently angry because the repairman from Dish Network showed up late for their scheduled appointment on Jan. 26.

Thomson was booked into Vista Jail on Tuesday on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, making criminal threats and displaying a firearm in a threatening manner, said Vista sheriff's Sgt. Art Wager.

The satellite TV company called Thomson that afternoon when they realized the repairman would be a little late, said detective Debra Haverkost.

They called again to ask for help with directions after the repairman got lost in the neighborhood, which is near El Paseo and Gopher Canyon Road.

When the repairman finally pulled into the driveway, he was met by a shotgun, Haverkost said.

Thomson threatened to kill the repairman if he didn't fix his television, Haverkost said.

The repairman, who told detectives he was terrified, went inside and fixed the problem. Thomson put the shotgun away at some point during the visit.

At the urging of his boss, the repairman reported the incident to the Sheriff's Department a few days later.

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