

2 execs sentenced over illegal workers

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SAN DIEGO — Two executives at a company that once helped build a fence to keep illegal immigrants from crossing the Mexican border were sentenced this week to six months of home confinement for hiring undocumented workers.

Mel Kay, founder, chairman and president of Golden State Fence Co., based in Riverside, Calif., and manager Michael McLaughlin had pleaded guilty in federal court to knowingly hiring illegal immigrants. U.S. District Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz ordered each to serve 1,040 hours of community service and spend three years on probation. Kay, 64, was fined \$200,000 as part of a plea agreement, and McLaughlin, 42, agreed to pay \$100,000.