

California Department of Insurance

Fraud Division

August 2022 Workers' Compensation Fraud Convictions

Effective January 01, 2005, Assembly Bill 2866 (Frommer) enacted Insurance Code Section 1871.9 requiring the posting of all workers' compensation fraud convictions to the CDI website.

Per section 1871.9, the department shall post all of the following information on its Internet Web site for each person, as defined in Section 19, convicted of a violation of this article (1871.4), Section 11760 or 11880, Section 3700.5 of the Labor Code or Section 487 or 550 of the Penal Code, if the violation involved workers' compensation insurance, services or benefits:

- The name, case number, county or court and other identifying information with respect to the case.
- The full name of the defendant.
- The city and county of the defendant's last known residence or business address.
- The date of conviction.
- A description of the offense.
- The amount of money alleged to have been defrauded.
- A description of the punishment imposed, including the length of any sentence of imprisonment and the amount of any fine imposed.

The information required to be posted under this section shall be maintained on the department Web site for a period of five years from the date of conviction or until the department is notified in writing by the person that the conviction has been reversed or expunged.

Note: If new documentation has been received that in any way affects the conviction information contained herein, please forward that documentation with an explanation to:

Bureau Chief, Workers' Compensation Program
2400 Del Paso Road, Suite 250
Sacramento, CA 95834

A determination to make any changes will be made within sixty (60) days of receipt of the information.

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CDI Case Number: 19JW018584
Court Case Number: BA502364
County: Los Angeles
Defendant: Margarita Arteaga
City/County of Residence: not available at this time
Conviction Date: 8/15/2022
Offense: IC 1871.4(a)(1) false or fraudulent material statement
Amount Allegedly Defrauded: \$4,244
Sentence: 1 year probation, \$4,244 restitution

CDI Case Number: 19JW006333
Court Case Number: BA498094
County: Los Angeles
Defendant: Melissa Basa
City/County of Residence: not available at this time
Conviction Date: 8/25/2022
Offense: IC 1871.4(a)(1) false or fraudulent material statement
Amount Allegedly Defrauded: \$3,337
Sentence: 120 hours community service, 6 months probation, \$1,231 restitution

CDI Case Number: 17AW017869
Court Case Number: 19FE016431
County: Sacramento
Defendant: Ronald Blane
City/County of Residence: Rio Linda, CA / Sacramento
Conviction Date: 8/05/2022
Offense: IC 11760(a) premium fraud (private carrier)
Amount Allegedly Defrauded: to be determined
Sentence: 1 yr. probation, \$70,000 restitution, Restitution Fine: \$300.00

CDI Case Number: 15FW026016
Court Case Number: F18902035
County: Fresno
Defendant: Stergeos Demetrios
City/County of Residence: Clovis / Fresno
Conviction Date: 8/10/2022
Offense: IC 11880(a) premium fraud (state fund)
Amount Allegedly Defrauded: \$82,901
Sentence: 364 days county jail, 1 year probation, \$84,139 restitution, \$720 criminal fines

CDI Case Number: 19FW015239
Court Case Number: F21903413
County: Fresno
Defendant: Carolyn Plaza
City/County of Residence: Fresno, CA / Fresno
Conviction Date: 08/03/2022
Offense: IC 11880(a) premium fraud (state fund)
Amount Allegedly Defrauded: \$890,478
Sentence: 1 day county jail, 2 yrs. probation, \$890,478 restitution, Court Assessment: \$70.00