

California Department of Insurance

Fraud Division

August 2011 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
9342 Tech Center Drive, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95826

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

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CDI Case Name: CSLB El Dorado Joint Sting
CDI Case Number: 10AW021448
County: El Dorado
Defendant: John Lloyd Bethel
City/County of Residence: Placerville/El Dorado
Conviction Date: 08/22/11
Offense: 1 Count of LC 3700.5 (No Workers' Compensation Insurance)
Amount Allegedly Defrauded: N/A
Sentence: 24 Months Summary Probation, \$10,100 Fine Stayed and Imposes \$100 Civil Fine, \$1,040 Criminal Fine

Case Number: BA382525
County: Los Angeles
Defendant: Maria Dolores Castaneda
City/County of Residence: Not available at this time
Conviction Date: 08/09/11
Offense: 1 Count of IC 1871.4(a)(1) (Make or Cause to be Made a Knowingly False or Fraudulent Material Statement or Material Representation for the Purpose of Obtaining Compensation)
Amount Allegedly Defrauded: \$1,000
Sentence: 1 Day County Jail, 100 Hours Community Service, 3 Years Formal Probation, \$1,000 Restitution, \$200 Civil Fine

CDI Case Number: 09FW014042
County: Fresno
Defendant: Richard Fulton
City/County of Residence: Kingsburg/ Fresno
Conviction Date: 08/31/2011
Offense: 1 Count of IC 1871.4(a)(2) (False or Misleading Statement in Support of Claim)
Amount Allegedly Defrauded: \$20,504
Sentence: 1 Day County Jail, 2 Years Formal Probation, \$200 Civil Fine

Case Number: BA383047
CDI Number: 10CW003813
County: Los Angeles
Defendant: Waliga Gatatho
City/County of Residence: Huntington Park/Los Angeles
Conviction Date: 08/12/11
Offense: 1 Count of IC 11880(a) (Premium Fraud) (Misdemeanor)
Amount Allegedly Defrauded: TBD
Sentence: 24 Months Summary Probation, Civil Fine and Mandatory Fees are Waived

Case Number: BA379921

County: Los Angeles

Defendant: Michael Milan Watrin

City/County of Residence: Winnetka/Los Angeles

Conviction Date: 08/09/11

Offense: 1 Count of IC 1871.4(a)(1) (Make or Cause to be Made a Knowingly False or Fraudulent Material Statement or Material Representation for the Purpose of Obtaining Compensation) (Misdemeanor) ; 1 Count of PC 550(b)(1) (Failure to Disclose Material Information) (Misdemeanor)

Amount Allegedly Defrauded: \$1,130.22

Sentence: 2 Days County Jail, 3 Years Summary Probation, \$1,130.22 Restitution (Paid In Full), \$100 Civil Fine