

# California Department of Insurance

## Fraud Division

### December 2016 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.

## **December 2016 Workers' Compensation Fraud Convictions**

**Court Case Number:** CRF-2015-6198-1

**County:** Yolo

**Defendant:** Christopher George Armanini

**City/County of Residence:** Davis/Yolo

**Conviction Date:** 12/15/16

**Offense:** 1 Count of PC 550(b)(3) False or Fraudulent Claim or Statement)

**Amount Allegedly Defrauded:** To Be Determined

**Sentence:** 1 Day County Jail, 100 Hours Community Service, 3 Years Formal Probation, Restitution To Be Determined, \$300 Civil Fine

**Court Case Number:** C1480987

**CDI Case Name:** Castillo's Roofing

**County:** Santa Clara

**Defendant:** Karina Castillo

**City/County of Residence:** San Jose/Santa Clara

**Conviction Date:** 12/27/16

**Offense:** 1 Count of PC 550(b)(3) (False or Fraudulent Claim or Statement) (Misdemeanor)

**Amount Allegedly Defrauded:** \$38,933.90

**Sentence:** 1 Day County Jail, 160 Hours Community Service is Deemed Satisfied, 3 Years Court Probation, \$38,933.90 Restitution is Paid-In-Full, \$154 Civil Fine

**Court Docket Number:** BA435018

**CDI Case Name:** Meriko

**County:** Los Angeles

**Defendant:** Caroline Sung Choi

**City/County of Residence:** Not Available at This Time

**Conviction Date:** 12/1/16

**Offense:** 2 Counts of UIC 2118.5 (Payroll Tax Evasion)

**Amount Allegedly Defrauded:** \$4,614,615.42

**Sentence:** 1 Year County Jail, 5 Years Formal Probation, \$4,614,615.42 Restitution (Paid in Full), \$300 Civil Fine, \$553,601.25 to the Department of Insurance

**Court Case Number:** BA435685

**County:** Los Angeles

**Defendant:** Luis Hernandez

**City/County of Residence:** Los Angeles/Los Angeles

**Conviction Date:** 12/05/16

**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); 1 Count of PC 664/118(a) (Attempted Perjury)

**Amount Allegedly Defrauded:** \$33,679.32

**Sentence:** 3 Years, 6 Months State Prison, \$33,679.32 Restitution, \$300 Civil Fine (Stayed)

**Court Case Number:** BA443102  
**County:** Los Angeles  
**Defendant:** Iris Hurtado  
**City/County of Residence:** Not available at this time  
**Conviction Date:** 12/06/16  
**Offense:** 1 Count of PC 550(b)(3) (False or Fraudulent Claim or Statement) 1 Count of UI 2101(a) (Making a false statement or withholding information to receive benefits)  
**Amount Allegedly Defrauded:** \$27,568.28  
**Sentence:** 2 Years County Jail, \$27,568.28 Restitution Has Been Paid-In-Full, \$300 Civil Fine

**Court Case Number:** BA435018  
**CDI Case Name:** Meriko  
**County:** Los Angeles  
**Defendant:** Jae Young Kim  
**City/County of Residence:** Not Available At This Time  
**Conviction Date:** 12/01/16  
**Offense:** 2 Counts of IC 11760(a) (Misrepresent Fact to Obtain Workers' Compensation)  
**Amount Allegedly Defrauded:** To Be Determined  
**Sentence:** 365 Days County Jail (In Lieu of County Jail, Defendant is Ordered to Complete 365 Days of Electronic Monitoring), 5 Years Formal Probation, Restitution Has Been Paid-In-Full, \$300 Civil Fine, \$553,601.25 to Department of Insurance Fraud Division For Cost of Investigative Services and Fines is Satisfied

**Court Case Number:** BA435018  
**CDI Case Name:** Meriko  
**County:** Los Angeles  
**Defendant:** Sung Hyun Kim  
**City/County of Residence:** Los Angeles/Los Angeles  
**Conviction Date:** 12/01/16  
**Offense:** 2 Counts of IC 11760(a) (Misrepresent Fact to Obtain Workers' Compensation)  
**Amount Allegedly Defrauded:** To Be Determined  
**Sentence:** 4 Years County Jail (2 Years To Be Served at Home with Electronic Monitoring, Defendant To Bear Cost of Electronic Monitoring), 2 Years On Mandatory Supervision), Restitution Has Been Paid-In-Full, \$300 Civil Fine, \$553,601.25 to Department of Insurance Fraud Division For Cost of Investigative Services and Fines is Satisfied

**Court Case Number:** SCD255526  
**CDI Case Name:** GNS Management  
**County:** San Diego  
**Defendant:** Woo Kwon  
**City/County of Residence:** Irvine/Orance  
**Conviction Date:** 12/06/16  
**Offense:** 2 Counts of IC 11760(a) (Misrepresent Fact to Obtain Workers' Compensation); 2 Counts of UI 2118.5 (Payroll Tax Evasion)  
**Amount Allegedly Defrauded:** \$6,362,273.36  
**Sentence:** 5 Years County Jail (4 Years 8 Months Suspended where Upon Defendant Shall Be Subject To Mandatory Supervision By Probation Department), Remaining Restitution Balances Are: \$2,463,032.20 owed to Employment Development Department, \$871,519 owed to Travelers Insurance, \$362,672 owed to Norguard Insurance Company, \$1,381,087.50 owed to Granite State, \$414,160.50 owed to State Compensation Insurance Fund, \$181,161 owed to Southern Insurance Company, \$195,000 owed to Preferred Employers, \$428,281 owed to Everest Insurance Company, \$65,360.16 owed to Employers Insurance, \$300 Civil Fine