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VENTURA, California –District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that that Linda Boggess (DOB 12/10/66) of Ventura was convicted by a jury of four felony counts of workers compensation insurance fraud.

Boggess was employed by the Ventura County Human Services Agency. In March, 2007 she filed a workers compensation claim alleging she experienced “paralyzing pain.” She received medical treatment and temporary disability payments until November 2011, when she was cleared to return to work without restrictions. Shortly thereafter, Boggess provided new work restrictions from a separate doctor which limited her to lifting no more than five pounds.

In January, 2012, Ventura County, which is self-insured for workers compensation claims, opened an investigation of Boggess. Video surveillance taken of Boggess in a parking lot revealed she was able to lift car tires mounted on wheels, each weighing 45 pounds, and carry them for a distance of approximately 50 feet. In March, 2012, Boggess testified at her deposition that she was unable to lift and move anything heavier than a gallon of milk.

Workers compensation insurance fraud is not a victimless crime. It affects every law abiding insured employers in California. In the United States, workers compensation insurance fraud costs insured employers \$2 billion annually. The District Attorney’s Office is committed to vigorous prosecution of all those who choose to victimize the public in this manner.

Boggess will be sentenced on July 26, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in Ventura Superior Court Department 26. She faces a maximum possible sentence of 8 years in local custody and a \$150,000 fine.

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