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Ventura County Firefighter Sentenced on Fraud Charges

VENTURA, California – Acting District Attorney Cheryl M. Temple announced today that Perry Adam Lieber (DOB 4/23/86), of Santa Barbara, was sentenced to 90 days in jail and 24 months of felony probation after pleading guilty to felony workers' compensation fraud in violation of Insurance Code section 1871.4(a).

Lieber previously admitted that he made false material statements for the purpose of obtaining disability and other benefits to which he was not entitled during a prior workers' compensation claim with the Ventura County Fire Department. Victim agencies York Risk Services and the County of Ventura sustained losses in excess of \$186,082.

In addition to the jail sentence, Lieber was immediately ordered to pay \$100,000 in victim restitution and \$30,000 in fines. The court also ordered multiple financial accounts controlled by Lieber that were previously frozen by the court be liquidated to satisfy its order.

A hearing relating to additional restitution still owed to the victim agencies is scheduled for March 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 26 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

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