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Ojai Resident Pleads Guilty to Submitting Fraudulent Insurance Claims

VENTURA, California — District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Anna Maria Ruiz (DOB 10/20/1981), of Ojai, pled guilty to 11 counts of Penal Code section 550(a)(1), felony insurance fraud. In addition, she admitted an excessive taking allegation for stealing over \$65,000 and an aggravated white-collar crime special allegation for taking over \$100,000. This case was the result of an investigation by the Valencia office of the California Department of Insurance.

Ruiz was employed at Ventura County Pulmonary Medical Group which had a business relationship with Identity Management Services Organization. From January 2011 to September 2013, she used her knowledge of medical billing to submit 30 fraudulent insurance claims to victim American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus. She received payments of \$127,710 for these completely fabricated insurance claims.

Ruiz is scheduled to be sentenced on March 21, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

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