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Business Owner Pleads Guilty to Workers' Compensation Fraud

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Victor Vega (DOB 8/1/1965), of Oxnard, pled guilty to four felony violations of Insurance Code section 11760(a), making fraudulent statements to reduce the cost of workers' compensation insurance. As to each count, Vega also admitted special allegations that the crimes involved the taking of more than \$200,000.

Vega is the owner of Vega's Cleaning Service. Between December 23, 2010, and February 26, 2015, he systematically underreported more than \$1 million in payroll to his workers' compensation insurance carriers.

Vega will be sentenced on June 5, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura, courtroom 12. Vega faces a maximum of 10 years in state prison and could be ordered to pay up to \$428,867.13 in restitution.

Workers' compensation insurance fraud is not a victimless crime. It increases rates for honest business owners who comply with the law and provides an improper competitive advantage for those who do not. The District Attorney's Office will vigorously prosecute unscrupulous business owners who attempt to avoid paying for insurance coverage for their employees.

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