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Roofing Contractor Sentenced for Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that David Burgmeier (DOB 6/5/1967), of Simi Valley, was sentenced for committing workers' compensation insurance fraud.

In December 2020, Burgmeier pled guilty to multiple felony counts of insurance and unemployment insurance fraud. In addition to being placed on formal probation for 24 months, Burgmeier was ordered to pay restitution to the Victim State Fund in the amount of \$141,265, and \$29,610 to the Employment Development Department (EDD). The court also imposed a jail sentence of 180 days, which was stayed pending review of further restitution payments. To date, Burgmeier has paid \$45,000 in victim restitution. Burgmeier is due back in court for a review of restitution payments on April 5, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 47 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

Burgmeier owned and operated Burgmeier Construction Company in Simi Valley. From March 2008 through March 2016, he systematically underreported the size of his payroll and the number of his employees to his workers' compensation insurance company, State Fund, and to the EDD. By underreporting the true number of employees and the size of his payroll, Burgmeier was able to significantly reduce his business operating costs. This case was investigated and prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit.

Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud is not a victimless crime. It allows employers to compete unfairly with businesses that follow the law. It exposes workers who are injured on the job to the risk that their injuries will not be appropriately treated. The District Attorney's Office Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit will vigorously prosecute employers who commit this type of fraud.

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