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Former Ventura County Firefighter Ordered to Pay Over \$228,000 in Restitution and Fines

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Perry Adam Lieber (DOB 04/23/89), of Santa Barbara, was ordered to pay \$198,025 in victim restitution and \$30,000 in criminal fines. Victim agencies, the County of Ventura and the Ventura County Fire Department, sustained extensive losses as a result of workers' compensation fraud committed by Lieber. On December 7, 2020, Lieber pled guilty to making false material statements to obtain disability benefits he was not entitled to during a workers' compensation claim while employed with the Ventura County Fire Department.

Additionally, the court ruled that multiple financial accounts controlled by Lieber, that were previously frozen by the court, are to be liquidated to satisfy the order in full. Over \$228,000 of his financial assets will be liquidated as a result of this order. Lieber will also serve 90 days in jail and complete 24 months of felony probation as a condition of his guilty plea. A hearing relating to the final payment of restitution and fines is scheduled for April 29, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 26 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

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