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## Groundskeeper Charged with Felony Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that Kenneth Judd (DOB 04/08/57), of Simi Valley, has been charged with three counts of felony workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Judd worked as a groundskeeper for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. He claimed he injured his foot during his employment and filed a workers' compensation claim.

During the claims process, Judd allegedly made false statements to both the workers' compensation claims adjuster and his doctor. He claimed that because of his injury he could no longer surf, participate in sports, or take part in hobbies and activities. However, Judd was allegedly captured on video surfing on multiple occasions while he was claiming to be unable to participate in such activities.

The case was referred to the California Department of Insurance, whose Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit conducted the criminal investigation and later submitted the case to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The total alleged loss in the case is \$68,855.88.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Joann Roth, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Workers' Compensation Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Judd was arraigned on the information on March 18, 2026, and is scheduled for a pretrial conference hearing on April 13, 2026, in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He is out of custody on his own recognizance.

**Case: 2022026405**

**Defendant Information:**

Kenneth Judd (DOB 04/08/57)  
Simi Valley

**Charges:**

- (3 counts) IC 1871.4(a)(1) – Insurance fraud