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Ventura County District Attorney's Office Awarded Nearly \$900,000 to Combat Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud

VENTURA Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office has been awarded \$898,840 from the California Department of Insurance to continue investigating and prosecuting workers' compensation insurance fraud during the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

The grant, awarded through the California Department of Insurance Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Program, funds the District Attorney's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit. This multidisciplinary team includes prosecutors, investigators, an investigative assistant, a forensic accountant, and an administrative assistant who work to combat insurance fraud.

The Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit investigates and prosecutes a wide range of insurance fraud cases, including fraudulent claims filed by employees, premium fraud committed by businesses that underreport payroll or misclassify employees to obtain lower insurance premiums, and complex fraud schemes involving medical providers, attorneys, insurance agents, and other professionals who exploit the workers' compensation system for financial gain.

The grant also supports proactive enforcement efforts, including sting operations targeting businesses that unlawfully operate without required workers' compensation insurance coverage. These efforts help to protect employees while ensuring a level playing field for businesses that comply with the law.

Workers' compensation fraud affects everyone by increasing insurance premiums and diverting resources away from legitimately injured workers. The District Attorney's Office encourages anyone who suspects workers' compensation insurance fraud to report it.

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