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## WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD UNIT (WCFU) *Convictions Resulting from WCFU Investigations*

**Case Number:** 07CR25478

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Jeffrey Lotesto

**County:** Cook

**Conviction Date:** 1/16/08

**IWCC Case Number:** 06WC026069

**Offense:** One count of Workers' Compensation Fraud pursuant to 820 ILCS 305/25.5(a)(1) (intentionally present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of any workers' compensation benefit), a Class 4 felony.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to two years in prison.

**Summary:** The defendant altered medical records to obtain benefits he was not entitled to receive.

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**Case Number:** 07CR25480

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Eugene Foster

**County:** Cook

**Conviction Date:** 5/13/08

**IWCC Case Number:** 06WC012493

**Offense:** One count of Workers' Compensation Fraud pursuant to 820 ILCS 305/25.5(a)(1) (intentionally present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of any workers' compensation benefit), a Class 4 felony.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to 12 months conditional discharge, assessed a \$190 fine and ordered to pay restitution.

**Summary:** The defendant's report of a workplace injury was refuted by medical records.

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**Case Number:** 07CF1804

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Erica Miller

**County:** Champaign

**Conviction Date:** 7/11/08

**IWCC Case Number:** None

**Offense:** One count of Workers' Compensation Fraud pursuant to 820 ILCS 305/25.5(a)(1) (intentionally present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of any workers' compensation benefit), a Class 4 felony.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to 30 months probation, 100 hours of public service, assessed probation fees of \$150, a genetic marker fee of \$200, a local anticrime assessment (Crime Stoppers) fee of \$10, and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$13,122.

**Summary:** The defendant was observed performing activities inconsistent with information she provided to her physician.

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**Case Number:** 07CF1056

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Christopher C. Vaultonburg

**County:** Peoria

**Conviction Date:** 7/17/08

**IWCC Case Number:** 06WC027102

**Offense:** One count of Workers' Compensation Fraud pursuant to 820 ILCS 305/25.5(a)(1) (intentionally present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of any workers' compensation benefit), a Class 4 felony.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to 30 months probation, assessed probation fees of \$760, a Violent Crime Victims Assistance fee of \$20, a \$260 genetic testing fee and ordered to pay restitution of \$10,000.

**Summary:** The defendant was observed violating medical restrictions while working an alternate job and receiving total disability benefits.

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**Case Number:** 07CF403

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Maria A. Garcia

**County:** Lake

**Conviction Date:** 8/26/08

**IWCC Case Number:** 05WC019768

**Offense:** One count of Workers' Compensation Fraud pursuant to 820 ILCS 305/25.5(a)(1) (intentionally present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of any workers' compensation benefit), a Class 4 felony.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to 30 months conditional discharge, assessed conditional discharge fees, a \$100 fine including court costs, ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$17,314 and to perform 200 hours of public service.

**Summary:** The defendant was observed working an alternate job and accepting temporary total disability benefits.

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**Case Number:** 2007CF001547-0002

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Ghodrat Karami

**County:** DuPage

**Conviction Date:** 10/08/08

**IWCC Case Number:** 04WC035292

**Offense:** One count of insurance fraud under \$300 pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/46-1(a) (knowingly obtains, attempts to obtain, or causes to be obtained, be deception, control over the property of an insurance or self-insured entity by the making of a false claim or by causing a false claim to be made on any policy of insurance issued by an insurance company or by the making of a false claim to a self-insured entity, intending to deprive an insurance company or self-insured entity permanently of the use and benefit of that property), a Class A misdemeanor.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to 2 years probation, assessed a \$1,357 fine including court costs, probation fees of \$600, a \$500 fee to the Anti-Crime Commission, and ordered to pay \$13,135 in restitution and to perform 100 hours of community service.

**Summary:** The defendant was observed working in his yard and violating medical restrictions while accepting total disability benefits.

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**Case Number:** 07CF1023

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Robert Lee Walker

**County:** Peoria

**Conviction Date:** 12/15/08

**IWCC Case Number:** 06WC039878

**Offense:** One count of Workers' Compensation Fraud pursuant to 820 ILCS 305/25.5(a)(1) (intentionally present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of any workers' compensation benefit), a Class 4 felony.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to 30 months probation, assessed monthly probation fees of \$25, a public defender fee of \$100, and a violent crime victim assistance fee of \$20.

**Summary:** The defendant admitted under oath that his injury did not occur at work.

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**Case Number:** 09CF5

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. James Boomgarden

**County:** Ford

**Conviction Date:** 5/15/09

**IWCC Case Number:** N/A

**Offense:** The defendant was charged with violating 820 ILCS 305/25.5(a)(5) (intentionally make or cause to be made any false or fraudulent material statement or material representation for the purpose of obtaining workers' compensation insurance at less than the proper rate for the insurance.

**Sentence:** The defendant was ordered to pay court costs and a crime stoppers fee.

**\*Summary:** The defendant pled to a lesser offense of 720 ILCS 5/47-15(a).

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**Case Number:** 07CF4026

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Reuben Collier

**County:** Lake

**Conviction Date:** 6/4/09

**IWCC Number:** None

**Offense:** One count of Workers' Compensation Fraud pursuant to 820 ILCS 305/25.5(a)(4) (intentionally prepare or provide an invalid, false, or counterfeit certificate of insurance as proof of workers' compensation insurance), a Class 4 felony; two counts of Theft pursuant 720 ILCS 5/16-1(a)(2)(A) (knowingly obtains by deception control over property of the owner), a class 3 felony; and one count of Forgery pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/17-3(a)(2) (knowingly issues or delivers such document knowing it to have been thus made or altered), a Class 3 felony.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to 30 months of probation, 2 months periodic imprisonment and 10 months electronic home monitoring, assessed monthly probation fees of \$25, a random testing fee of \$125 and ordered to pay restitution of \$97,236.

**Summary:** The insurance agent defendant kept payments from clients intended for workers' compensation insurance, and issued fraudulent certificates of insurance.

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**Case Number:** 09CM954

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Gina Andrist

**County:** Will

**Conviction Date:** 6/08/09

**IWCC Case Number:** 07WC017293

**Offense:** Two counts of Theft by Deception pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/16-1(a)(2)(A), (knowingly obtains by deception control over property of the owner with intent to deprive), a Class A misdemeanor.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to six months court supervision and assessed a \$322 fine that includes court costs.

**Summary:** The defendant admitted to working at another job while claiming total disability and receiving temporary total disability benefits.

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**Case Number:** 08CF189

**Case Name:** The People of the State of Illinois v. Araceli Torres

**County:** Kankakee

**Conviction Date:** 8/25/09

**IWCC Case Number:** 06WC038230

**Offense:** One count of Forgery pursuant to 720 ILCS 5/17-3(a)(2)(1) (issues or delivers such document knowing it to have been thus made or altered), a Class 3 felony.

**Sentence:** The defendant was sentenced to 18 months conditional discharge plus court costs.

**Summary:** The defendant provided false information on the application for adjustment of claim.

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