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West Sacramento Businessman Convicted of Insurance Fraud

Woodland, CA - May 6, 2011 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on May 3, 2011 32-year-old West Sacramento man Grant Adam Lemeur was convicted of health insurance fraud, failure to have workers' compensation insurance, and failure to properly account for payroll taxes collected.

The Yolo County District Attorney's Insurance Fraud Unit began investigating Lemeur in the fall of 2010 after receiving a complaint from a Sacramento citizen. Lemeur owned an auto detailing business, Dream Car Solutions. The complaint was that Dream Car Solutions failed to provide workers' compensation insurance for an employee and then later pressured that employee to file a fraudulent health insurance claim to cover the cost of a work-related injury.

On April 7, 2010, an employee of Dream Car Solutions broke his right thumb while operating an industrial grade buffer during an auto detailing job. Lemeur put pressure on this employee to use his personal medical insurance rather than worker's compensation insurance. This practice is not uncommon for employers who want to avoid paying an increase in their worker's compensation insurance premium.

Yolo County District Attorney Lieutenant Dan Stroski supervises the Insurance Fraud Unit and investigated the case. "The honest employers out there should know that the goal here is to ensure that we have a fair and even playing field," said Stroski. "The cost of doing business is expensive and it's hard to compete with businesses that choose to ignore laws relating to employment and the use of employee labor."

Visiting Judge John Quilen accepted Lemeur's no contest pleas to three misdemeanor charges and ordered Lemeur to pay a fine of \$10,808.00. Lemeur will also have to reimburse Kaiser Permanente for medical care provided to the employee as well as reimburse the Employment Development Department for back payroll taxes.

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