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Twin Falls County woman gets caught in "crash and buy"

BOISE, ID – Effective February 18, 2020, Kimberly L. Fields of Twin Falls County was sentenced for insurance fraud in violation of Idaho code.

In December 2019, Kimberly L. Fields pleaded guilty to filing an auto insurance claim with Sentry Insurance Company shortly after she got into an accident with a plumbing truck. Sentry denied her claim upon discovering a false time was reported.

"I'm thankful for the hard work and diligence of our Investigations Division for following up on this case," said Director Dean Cameron. "It's foolish actions like these that cost Idahoans their hard-earned money."

Fifth District Court Judge Roger Harris ordered a unified sentence of three years with one year fixed and two years indeterminate. Judge Harris then suspended the sentence and placed Ms. Fields on three years of supervised probation. In addition, Judge Harris ordered ten days of jail time, which was suspended for discretionary use by the probation officer, and 100 hours of community service. Ms. Fields was also fined \$1,000, which was then suspended, and was ordered to pay \$608 in restitution to the Department of Insurance, \$185 in restitution to Sentry Insurance Company, and court costs. The Office of the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit prosecuted this case.

About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to serve and protect Idahoans by equitably, effectively and efficiently administering the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit doi.idaho.gov.

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