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Former insurance agent falsifies documents, sentenced for insurance fraud

BOISE ID (August 11, 2016) – Following an investigation by the Idaho Department of Insurance Fraud Unit, the insurance license of Zane Amy, Caldwell, was revoked and he was sentenced for insurance fraud, a felony in Idaho.

An audit by Farmers Insurance revealed that Amy had submitted false or altered documents so that his customers would receive premium discounts for which they did not qualify. He modified information to secure good student and other discounts. Overall, Amy's actions had a financial impact of over \$6,000 to Farmers. Customers were unaware of the modifications.

"We encourage consumers to review insurance documents carefully to be sure that discounts are being applied appropriately," says Department Director Dean Cameron. "Experienced Consumer Affairs Officers are available to help consumers understand policy language and answer questions about coverage."

Amy's license was revoked by the Department in November 2013, and he was ordered to pay a \$5,000 administrative penalty. The order is available on the Department [website](#). Criminal charges were also filed. On August 8, 2016, Amy was sentenced on one count of insurance fraud and ordered to serve thirty days in jail. He was also ordered to perform fifty hours of community service, pay a \$2,500 fine plus court costs, and pay restitution to Farmers. He was granted a withheld judgment and placed on felony supervised probation for three years.

The Idaho Department of Insurance is charged with investigating allegations of insurance fraud and referring criminal violations of the Idaho insurance code to the Idaho Attorney General's Office for prosecution. The Department seeks court-ordered restitution as reimbursement for the investigation costs.

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 equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.

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