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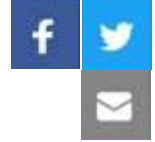
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Washington Woman Sentenced for Insurance Fraud

(Boise) - Attorney General Lawrence Wasden has announced the successful prosecution of a former Idahoan accused of Insurance Fraud.

On Thursday, October 12, First District Judge Scott Wayman sentenced 32-year-old Nora Washburn of Spokane, formerly of Rathdrum, Idaho, after a jury convicted her of Insurance Fraud in June.

Judge Wayman sentenced Washburn to 1 ½ to four years in prison. She was also ordered to pay restitution totaling \$4721, with \$3697 to be paid to Progressive Insurance and \$1024 to the Idaho Department of Insurance. Washburn will also be responsible for paying court costs. An investigation determined the defendant purchased auto insurance from Progressive on January 29, 2016. Seven days later, she filed a claim due to an accident she said occurred on February 1. Investigators determined the accident actually occurred on January 2, approximately four weeks before the Progressive policy took effect. The crime occurred in Kootenai County.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General David Morse of the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit.

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