

State of Idaho
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

700 West State Street, 3rd Floor
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0043
Phone (208)334-4250
Fax (208)334-4398
Website: <http://www.doi.idaho.gov>

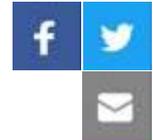
DEAN L. CAMERON
Director

Idaho Department of Insurance News Release

For immediate release: March 14, 2018

Contact: Jes Benson, 208-334-4312

jessica.benson@doi.idaho.gov



Fernwood Woman Sentenced for Insurance Fraud

(Boise) – Attorney General Lawrence Wasden has announced a Benewah County woman was sentenced Friday, February 23, for one count of Insurance Fraud.

First District Judge Scott Wayman sentenced 31-year-old Nessa Sullivan of Fernwood after she pleaded guilty in December.

Judge Wayman sentenced Sullivan to three years in prison. He then suspended the sentence and placed her on two years probation. Sullivan was ordered to pay \$1,207 in restitution and a fine of \$500. The court also ordered her to pay court costs and \$300 towards the cost of her public defender. In addition, Sullivan was ordered to perform 200 hours of community service. Judge Wayman also ordered 90 days of discretionary jail or labor program to be administered by a probation officer.

An investigation determined that in July 2016 Sullivan struck a deer with her car prior to obtaining coverage through GEICO. She later filed a claim with the insurance company, but did so using a false date of loss. Photos she provided to the GEICO investigator were time-stamped with the actual date of the accident. As a result, GEICO denied the claim.

Upon receiving a referral from GEICO, the Idaho Department of Insurance investigated. Ms. Sullivan later confessed that she provided false information on her claim.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Jessica Cafferty in the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit.

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.