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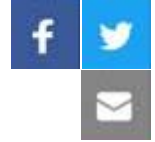
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Boise Man Sentenced for Insurance Fraud

(Boise) – Attorney General Lawrence Wasden has announced an Ada County man was sentenced Friday, February 16, for one count of Insurance Fraud.

Fourth District Judge Peter Barton sentenced 33-year-old Edward J. Castagno, of Boise, after he pleaded guilty in December.

Judge Barton imposed a four-year prison sentence. He then suspended the sentence and placed Castagno on four years probation. Judge Barton also sentenced Castagno to a jail term of 180 days to run concurrently with his current prison term in an unrelated matter, and gave Castagno credit for 128 days served. The judge also ordered 60 days of discretionary jail time to be administered by a probation officer.

Investigators determined that Castagno's vehicle was involved in an accident in Boise on February 3, 2015. At the time of the crash, Castagno's coverage through GEICO had lapsed. A short time later, he called GEICO to reinstate the policy. Later that same day, Castagno filed a claim with the company and falsely said the wreck had occurred after the policy was reinstated.

The case was investigated by the Idaho Department of Insurance and prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Nicole Schafer 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.