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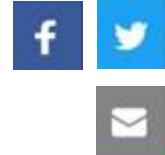
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## **Ada County woman sentenced for “crash and buy”**

**BOISE, ID** – Effective Monday, June 1, 2020, Brittany N. Mars was sentenced for insurance fraud.

In February 2020, Brittany Mars of Ada County pleaded guilty to insurance fraud. On April 12, 2017, Ms. Mars was involved in an auto accident. An investigation by the Department of Insurance (DOI) revealed Ms. Mars did not have auto insurance at the time of the accident. Ms. Mars purchased a policy shortly after her accident and provided a false accident time to her auto insurer in hopes the damage to the vehicle would be covered.

"Insurance fraud is never a victimless crime. Idahoans pay for insurance fraud in the form of higher insurance costs," said Director Dean Cameron. "Those who abuse the system should be held accountable for their actions. The hard work of our investigations unit and all who participated in the prosecution of this case are to be commended."

Fourth District Court Judge Steven Hippler sentenced Ms. Mars to three years of probation, two days in jail and five days of Sheriff Labor Detail. Judge Hippler ordered Ms. Mars to pay \$340 in restitution to the Idaho Department of Insurance, a \$500 fine, court costs and fees. Judge Hippler granted Ms. Mars a withheld judgment. 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, please visit us at [doi.idaho.gov](https://doi.idaho.gov) or email us at [consumeraffairs@doi.idaho.gov](mailto:consumeraffairs@doi.idaho.gov).

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