



FRAUD CLAIM ALERT

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Global Options and Carl Warren Partner to Combat Insurance Fraud

Both parties (GlobalOptions and Carl Warren) worked diligently on the following case which resulted in the claimant being arrested on insurance fraud charges. The claims were handled by Carl Warren on behalf of one of our clients.

In November, 2011 and July, 2013 the claimant filed two Workers' Compensation claims for alleged injuries that he sustained at the insured. The first claim was for his right shoulder in 2011 in which he claimed that the injury to his right shoulder was sustained while lifting a drill case out of the back of a truck. He had surgery on his shoulder and returned to work at the insured. The claimant then alleged a second claim in July, 2013 in which he claimed he injured his back and had kidney pain, but did not know how this injury occurred. He sought treatment with his primary doctor and was told he had bulging discs at the T11 and T12 levels, in which his doctor suggested his injury could be work related. He later claimed it was from lifting heavy supplies at the insured. He sought medical treatment, and was deemed TTD (Temporary Totally Disabled). A total of \$38,625.61 was paid under this claim.

Throughout the claim process the claimant continued treatment and provided information to doctors about his articulated limitations and activities which led him to continue to be left on no-work status. Surveillance was conducted of the claimant in which he was found to be actively playing in his local softball league. The claimant denied he was an active participant with softball, nothing he was only a coach. Records were obtained from the City that revealed the claimant was an active player, and not a coach. There had also been internet articles located about the claimant's statistics in the games he played in that even showed he had hit some home runs during the time he was collecting TTD benefits.

On September 11, 2014, following a review of the claim file, GlobalOptions made state fraud reporting to the California Department of Insurance - Fraud Division and the Santa Barbara County District's Attorney Office. Subsequent information and evidence was later provided for criminal investigation.

On April 10, 2015, we were notified by the Detective and Deputy District Attorney on the case that the claimant was arrested on April 9, 2015. The claimant was arrested on two felony counts of Workers' Compensation insurance fraud, and one felony account of grand theft. There was no immediate court date scheduled, but one would be pending.

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