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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER CHARGED WITH INSURANCE FRAUD

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – A mother and daughter have been charged with Insurance Fraud, Forgery, Dependant Adult Abuse and Grand Theft.

In March 2011, members of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution Unit, began investigating allegations of possible fraud involving a Redlands man who had sustained an industrial injury that necessitated the allocation of caregiver assistance.

Although this claimant was found to be within all state and local laws, the caregivers, Theresa Forrest, 46, and Monique Forrest, 24, both of Riverside, who were hired to provide caregiver services to the claimant, were found to be violating several state laws, to include workers' compensation insurance fraud.

During the investigation, evidence was uncovered that showed although Theresa Forrest and Monique Forrest were compensated for various hours of work as caregivers to the claimant, they were also found to be employed at other jobs where they were also compensated for the exact same dates and times as those submitted for compensation for caregiver services.

This investigation also revealed that several time cards submitted by Theresa Forrest and Monique Forrest, for caregiver services provided to the claimant, appeared to be forged by the pair.

As a result, on Dec. 23, 2011, an arrest warrant showing a bail amount of \$75,000 each was issued charging Theresa Forrest and Monique Forrest with Insurance Fraud, Forgery, Dependant Adult Abuse and Grand Theft.

On Dec. 27, 2011, both Theresa Forrest and Monique Forrest agreed to surrender to the custody of District Attorney Investigators. Each was arrested, pursuant to the arrest warrant, and booked and housed at the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga where bail was set at \$75,000.

If convicted on all counts, each defendant faces 7 years and 4 months in County Prison.

Arraignment is scheduled for March 1, 2012, in Department 21 of the San Bernardino Superior Court. The case is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Scott Byrd.

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office requests that you run the following Public Service Announcement. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution Unit, responds to various reports of Insurance Fraud as a result of suspected fraud claims provided by an insurance company, the California Department of Insurance, as well as suspected fraud claims that are received through the "We Tip" hotline by private citizens.

If you suspect that someone you know is or has been involved in Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud, report your suspicions to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's, Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution Unit, by telephoning (909) 387-8309 or E-Mailing da@da.sbcounty.gov.

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