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### NEWS RELEASE

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### **FONTANA MAN CHARGED WITH WORKERS' COMP FRAUD**

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – Manuel Perales, 50, of Fontana, has been charged with two counts of workers' compensation insurance fraud.

In September 2011, members of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution Unit, began an investigation into allegations of possible insurance fraud involving Manuel Perales of Fontana, California.

Perales reportedly sustained an industrial injury on July 15, 2010, while working for a local company. During the workers' compensation process, Perales withdrew his claim after being confronted with evidence that supported the incident was not true.

Although Perales withdrew his claim, he subsequently filed a second workers' compensation claim alleging that he sustained the same injuries, along with other industrial injuries, over a specific period of time, not including his original date of injury.

During this investigation evidence revealed that the allegations of workers' compensation Insurance Fraud were substantiated. As a result, on December 6, 2011, an arrest warrant showing a bail amount of \$100,000.00 was issued, charging Perales with Insurance Fraud.

Later, on December 6, 2011, Perales was located and arrested pursuant to the arrest warrant. He was transported, booked and housed at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's West Valley Detention Center to await trial in this matter.

Perales is scheduled for arraignment on February 9, 2012. The case is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney David Simon.

*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, 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](mailto:da@da.sbcounty.gov).*

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