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**Simi Valley Contractor Pleads Guilty to Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud**

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that David Burgmeier (DOB 6/5/67), of Simi Valley, pled guilty to four counts of felony insurance fraud and four counts of felony unemployment insurance fraud on December 8, 2020. At the time of his pleas, Burgmeier paid \$45,000 in partial restitution owed to the victims in this case, the State Compensation Insurance Fund (State Fund) and the State of California Unemployment and Disability Insurance Tax Program (EDD).

From March 2008 through March 2016, Burgmeier owned and operated Burgmeier Construction in Simi Valley. During that time, Burgmeier misrepresented the number of his employees and the total amount of payroll to the victims in this case. Burgmeier's fraud resulted in the underpayment of insurance premiums totaling \$176,265 to State Fund, and an underpayment of taxes totaling \$39,608 to EDD.

Burgmeier's fraudulent actions result in inflated costs to insurance companies, competing construction companies, California consumers and the State of California. Workers' compensation insurance fraud is not a victimless crime and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Burgmeier will be sentenced on January 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 47 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Burgmeier faces a maximum sentence term of 10 years 8 months in prison.

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