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## Oxnard Woman Sentenced for Workers Compensation Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that Concepcion Espinoza Rivera (DOB 03/21/52), of Oxnard, was sentenced on October 29, 2024, to 12 months probation and 60 days in jail for fraudulently obtaining workers compensation benefits to which she was not entitled. Rivera previously pled no contest on September 12, 2024, to one felony charge of insurance fraud and was found guilty by the court.

In 2019, Rivera suffered an injury while working. She was subsequently compensated for that injury. In 2021, Rivera took a job with another employer and, shortly after she began working, she claimed an injury to the same body part. She made a claim for additional benefits but did not disclose the prior injury, despite being asked about it directly on multiple occasions.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Mike Frawley, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Workers Compensation Fraud Unit, prosecuted the case.

Rivera's jail sentence was stayed pending successful completion of probation. She also must pay restitution totaling \$16,298.94 to United Wisconsin Insurance Company.

Case: 2024010430 Defendant Information: Concepcion Espinoza Rivera (DOB 03/21/52) Oxnard

Charges pled guilty to:

• PC 1871.4(a)(2) – Insurance fraud