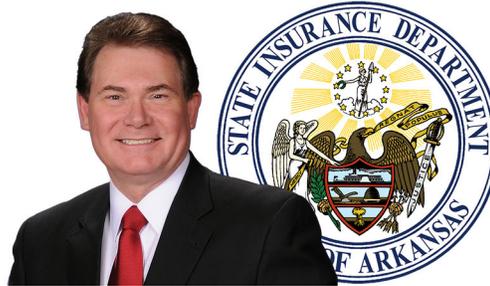


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Insurance Fraud Earns 30-Month Sentence

Kerr: Criminal Investigators help stop fraud, keep rates low

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Allen Kerr today released the following statement following a negotiated guilty plea and 30-month sentence for a Little Rock man for insurance fraud:

“Thank you to our professionals in AID’s Criminal Investigation Division for their work on this case that led to a guilty plea and sentencing. Insurance fraud results in higher rates for Arkansas consumers, and AID is committed to fighting it on all fronts.”

Tyus West, 28, entered a plea of guilty to one count of insurance fraud for making false claims to an insurer and misrepresentation regarding a stolen vehicle. West purchased a vehicle on April 13, 2015, which he reported stolen to Little Rock Police on April 30, 2015. On May 4, 2015, another individual added West and his vehicle to her auto insurance policy. On the following day, West—representing himself to be the other individual whose insurance he was on—reported to the insurance company that his vehicle was stolen the day before.

West was sentenced to 30 months in the Arkansas Department of Corrections concurrent with time he is presently serving.

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