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Cherokee county man sentenced for insurance fraud

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced a Cherokee county man has been sentenced to 12 months of probation for insurance fraud.

William Owens, age 71, pleaded guilty in Cherokee County District Court to one felony count of insurance fraud. Owens attempted to fraudulently collect benefits from his insurance company by seeking coverage for stolen and damaged items that were not actually stolen or damaged. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced on September 5, 2025, to 12 months probation and ordered to pay \$500 fine plus court cost and fees with 18 months underlying prison time if his probation is violated.

“Insurance fraud costs all Kansans in the form of increased premiums every year,” Schmidt said. “The Department will continue pursuing penalties against anyone committing insurance fraud in Kansas.”

The Kansas Department of Insurance investigated this case which was prosecuted by the Kansas Attorney General’s Office.

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*The Kansas Department of Insurance was established in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to **regulate** companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, **educate** consumers about all things insurance and securities, and **advocate** for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.*