



KANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Vicki Schmidt, Commissioner

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Kansas woman sentenced for insurance fraud

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced a Kansas woman has been sentenced to 18 months of probation for insurance fraud.

Carolyn Engelhardt, age 30, pleaded guilty in the District Court of Norton County on July 25, 2023 to one felony count of a fraudulent insurance act after she knowingly submitted a fraudulent auto claim to her insurance company for a loss that occurred prior to her purchasing the auto coverage. She was sentenced on Monday to 18 months probation with 10 months underlying prison time if her probation is violated. Engelhardt also was assessed a \$500 fine and associated court costs.

“Purchasing insurance after an accident and then filing a claim, or ‘past-posting’, is fraud which 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 Insurance Department investigated the case, which was prosecuted by the Kansas Attorney General’s Office.

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*The Kansas Legislature established the Kansas Insurance Department 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.*