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Sedgwick County man sentenced for insurance fraud

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

Cloise Allen, age 46, pled guilty in the District Court of Sedgwick County to one misdemeanor count of a fraudulent insurance act and one misdemeanor count of attempted theft after attempting to add a vehicle to an existing insurance policy after that vehicle was in an accident. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced on January 11 to 12 months probation with six months underlying prison time if his probation is violated. Allen also paid \$5,163.32 in fines and restitution.

"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 Insurance Department investigated the case, which was prosecuted by the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

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The Kansas Insurance Department 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.