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## Cowley County woman sentenced for insurance fraud

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

Misty Jane Dial, age 33, pleaded guilty in the District Court of Cowley-Arkansas City on July 9 to one felony count of attempted fraudulent insurance act and one felony count of making false information. After being involved in an accident, Dial submitted fraudulent documentation to her insurance company in order to obtain funds for medical care and lost wages that she had not actually received nor lost. She was sentenced on August 27 to 18 months of probation with 10 months of underlying prison time if her probation is violated. Dial also was fined \$500.

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

The Kansas Department of Insurance investigated the 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.