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Ventura County Firefighter Pleads Guilty to Fraud Charges

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Perry Adam Lieber (DOB 04/23/86), of Santa Barbara, pled guilty to felony workers' compensation fraud under Insurance Code section 1871.4(a), admitting a special allegation that the theft totaled more than \$100,000 in losses to the victims. During his guilty plea, Lieber admitted making false and material misrepresentations for the purpose of obtaining disability benefits to which he was not entitled during his workers' compensation claim. Victim agencies York Risk Services and the County of Ventura are alleged to have sustained losses of approximately \$148,177. The maximum penalty for a violation of Insurance Code 1871.4(a) is five years in jail, as well as a fine of up to double the amount of fraud, or approximately \$296,354.

At the time this case was filed, the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit obtained a temporary restraining order seizing Lieber's bank accounts and other assets in connection with the fraud investigation. As a condition of Lieber's plea, a portion of these assets will be liquidated to pay victim restitution and criminal fines.

Lieber is scheduled to be sentenced on January 6, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

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