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Ventura Plumber Convicted of Workers' Compensation Fraud

VENTURA, Calif. - The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that Gerald Rous (DOB 07/11/61), of Ventura, pled guilty on January 10, 2024, to workers' compensation insurance fraud, a felony.

Rous is the owner of Jerry Rous Plumbing, in Ventura. An investigation by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office found that Rous was falsely representing to his insurance company that he had no employees in order to avoid paying premiums. As a result of Rous's fraud, his employees were not properly insured.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Anne Spillner, a member of the District Attorney's Office Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud Unit, prosecuted the case.

"Workers' compensation insurance exists to protect the health and recovery of vulnerable injured workers in our county," Ms. Spillner said. "Employers who choose to underinsure their workers endanger the safe recovery of their employees."

Workers' compensation insurance fraud is a major cost driver for the insurance industry, and it places employers who abide by the rules at a significant competitive disadvantage. It also exploits employees who, while working for an underinsured employer, sustain an injury. These employees often do not receive proper medical care for job-related injuries due to this fraud.

To learn more about workers' compensation insurance fraud [CLICK HERE](#).

Rous is scheduled to be sentenced on February 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 11 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

Case: 2021028822
Defendant Information:
Gerald Rous (DOB 07/11/61)
Ventura

Charges Pled Guilty to:

- IC 11760(a) – Workers compensation insurance fraud