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### **Woman Pleads Guilty to Insurance Fraud**

On June 6, 2009 Helen C. Rodriguez pled guilty to one count of felony insurance fraud and was ordered to repay \$35,000 to GEICO Insurance Company.

In November 2006 Rodriguez was involved in an auto accident in Davis County. Rodriguez filed a claim with GEICO Insurance Company. She then forwarded her bills from her visits to a clinic in Mexico and resulting in a settlement of \$35,000 from GEICO toward the end of 2006.

In 2008 GEICO received anonymous information that Rodriguez had used a false name at the time of the accident and that she did not visit a clinic for her injuries. GEICO notified the Utah Insurance Fraud Division, who investigated the claims. They found that the clinic did not exist and that she had created the medical records herself.

On April 7, 2009 the Attorney General's Office filed second degree felony insurance fraud charges against Rodriguez in Davis County, Second Judicial District. The charges also included one count each of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree felony identity theft, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree felony identity fraud crime, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony forgery. Rodriguez was arrested by Insurance Fraud Division investigators on April 7, 2009 and booked into the Davis County Jail.

**The Utah Insurance Department** is a state agency whose mandate is to regulate insurance marketed and sold in Utah. Currently they license over 86,000 agents, agencies and insurers; audit domestic insurers to verify financial stability and compliance with insurance laws; take administrative actions against licensees found to be in violation of the insurance laws; take calls from consumers who have questions or complaints; and educate licensees and consumers regarding insurance. Visit our website at <http://www.insurance.utah.gov/> or call our toll free in-state number 1-800-439-3805 or local number 801-538-3077.