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Chiropractor, Claims Adjuster Charged in \$1.6 Million Insurance Fraud Scheme

A chiropractor and a claims adjuster have been charged with conspiring to process false insurance claims for payment amounting to more than \$1.6 million, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Agop Sarafian (dob 6/8/55), the claims adjuster of La Crescenta, and Shahe Kevork Topjian (dob 11/26/54), the chiropractor of Granada Hills, each face one felony count of insurance fraud in case BA491001. Their arraignment will be scheduled at Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Head Deputy Marc Beaart of the Healthcare Fraud Division said that the alleged insurance fraud occurred between June 8, 2007 and November 25, 2019. In November 2019, State Compensation Insurance Fund where Sarafian worked began an internal investigation before the California Department of Insurance and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office became involved.

The pair is accused of defrauding State Fund by setting up fake workers' compensation lien settlements to receive undeserved insurance payouts.

If convicted as charged, the defendants each face a maximum sentence of five years in county jail.

The case remains under investigation by the California Department of Insurance, Fraud Division.

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