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Insurance fraud conviction

BOISE ID (November 24, 2015) – Lisa Hyatt, Meridian, was convicted of insurance fraud November 16, 2015. The Idaho Department of Insurance investigated the claim.

"Insurance fraud is a felony in Idaho," says Department Director Dean Cameron. "Filing a false claim with your insurance company is a serious crime."

Following an argument, Hyatt's husband brought a ten-gallon propane tank into the fifth-wheel he and his wife were renting and turned on the gas. Mr. Hyatt fell asleep, and a few hours later the propane tank ignited, causing an explosion that ejected him from the trailer. He was flown to Salt Lake City for serious burns and has since recovered.

Mrs. Hyatt then filed a claim on her renter's insurance policy. Several items in the claim raised suspicion about the value, actual ownership, and/or loss. Suspicious items included high-end jewelry, medical equipment, a Gucci purse, prescription medications, and a large amount of cash.

Hyatt pleaded guilty to insurance fraud, received a withheld judgment, and was placed on felony supervised probation for four years. She was also ordered to pay $225.50 in fines and court costs and serve 20 days on house arrest.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Lisa Donnell.

About the Department of Insurance
The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.

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