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NORTH HAMPTON ATTORNEY CONVICTED OF INSURANCE FRAUD

For Immediate Release

April 17, 2006 Concord, NH – Insurance Commissioner Roger A. Seigny announced today that an investigation by the NH Insurance Department Fraud Unit led to a criminal conviction in the Rockingham County Superior Court. On April 7, 2006, James T. Grew, Esq. of North Hampton, N.H., pled guilty to one count of insurance fraud. Grew was involved in a minor vehicle accident in a mall parking lot where he backed his uninsured van into a parked vehicle. Grew falsely reported to Progressive Insurance that he was driving a different vehicle, which had been properly insured. Grew misrepresented the vehicle he was operating in order to make the loss qualify for coverage. Grew was given a one year suspended jail sentence, a \$1000 fine, 100 hours of community service and court ordered restitution of \$284.

The Insurance Department's Fraud Unit encourages the public to report suspected insurance fraud. Insurance fraud is estimated to account for at least 10% of premiums paid by consumers. To report suspected fraud call 1-800-852-3416. Callers may remain anonymous if they choose.

Additional information on insurance fraud may be obtained from the NH Insurance Department by calling the toll free number above, by accessing the department's web site at www.state.nh.us/insurance/consumer, or by writing the NH Department of Insurance at 21 South Fruit St., Suite 21, Concord, NH 03301.