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New Hampshire Insurance Department's Fraud Unit Announces Felony Insurance Fraud Indictment of Aleasha M. Roy

Roy, of Hinsdale, Indicted on Four Felony Counts of Insurance Fraud

CONCORD, NH (September 28, 2022) – New Hampshire Insurance Department Fraud Director Brendhan Harris announces that on August 29, 2022, the Cheshire County Superior Court Grand Jury indicted Aleasha M. Roy, age 28, of Hinsdale on four class A felony counts of Insurance Fraud.

The insurance fraud indictments allege that on November 7th, 2021, Ms. Roy did commit Insurance Fraud of over \$1,501 contrary to RSA 638:20, II, a class A felony. Specifically, the indictments allege that Ms. Roy knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive an insurer, presented oral statements knowing that such statements contained false, incomplete, or misleading information which was material to any payment in accordance with the terms of an insurance policy.

A class A felony is punishable by a maximum 15-year state prison sentence and a \$4,000 fine.

"Insurance fraud is not a victimless crime," said Christopher Nicolopoulos, Commissioner of the New Hampshire Insurance Department. "Insurance fraud hurts everyone by driving up costs for all consumers and undermining confidence in the marketplace."

"New Hampshire prosecutes cases of fraud over \$1,000 as felonies. With the rising costs of automobile repairs, for example, the threshold for a felony insurance fraud charge is very low," said Brendhan Harris, Fraud Director at the New Hampshire Insurance Department. "Working together with state and federal prosecutors, we can send a message to fraudsters letting them know we have zero tolerance for insurance fraud in New Hampshire."

The indictments and allegations against Ms. Roy are merely accusations, and Ms. Roy is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The matter is being prosecuted by Deputy Cheshire County Attorney Kathleen G. O'Reilly and was investigated by Thomas Wickey, Insurance Fraud Examiner at the New Hampshire Insurance Department.

Anyone seeking to report insurance fraud to NHID may use the form on NHID's website, located at https://business.nh.gov/NCharge/Insurance/default.asp?form_name=FraudReferral.

New Hampshire Prosecutes Insurance Fraud

The New Hampshire Insurance Department's mission is to promote and protect the public good by ensuring the existence of a safe and competitive insurance marketplace through the development and enforcement of the insurance laws of the State of New Hampshire. As part of that mission, our Fraud Unit investigates cases of alleged insurance fraud. To report a possible insurance fraud crime, please call 1-800-852-3416, contact us by email at NHFraud@ins.nh.gov, or visit our website at www.nh.gov/insurance/legal/fraud/.

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