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New Hampshire Insurance Department’s Fraud Unit Announces Felony Insurance Fraud Indictments in Cheshire, Hillsborough, and Rockingham Counties

*Corey Galante, of Derry, Riley Jordan, of Epping, Jake Rosati, of Nashua,
Christopher Sieczkowski, of Jaffrey, Brian Bergeron, of Portsmouth, Igette
Katanga, of Nashua, and Mammadagha Mammadov, of Burlington, MA, Indicted
on Felony Counts of Insurance Fraud*

CONCORD, NH (December 12, 2022) – New Hampshire Insurance Department Fraud Director Brendhan Harris today announces multiple felony indictments of Insurance Fraud in Cheshire, Hillsborough, and Rockingham counties.

“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.”

On August 3, 2022, the Rockingham County Superior Court Grand Jury indicted Corey Brandon Galante, age 28, of Derry, on two class A felony counts of Insurance Fraud. The insurance fraud indictments allege that on November 29, 2021, and December 1, 2021, Mr. Galante did commit Insurance Fraud of over \$1,501 contrary to RSA 638:20, II, a class A felony. The matter is being prosecuted by Rockingham County Attorney Patricia Conway and was investigated by Stephanie Ondus, Senior Insurance Fraud Investigator at the New Hampshire Insurance Department.

On August 3, 2022, the Rockingham County Superior Court Grand Jury indicted Riley Jordan, age 30, of Epping, on one class A felony count of Insurance Fraud. The insurance fraud indictment alleges that on March 26, 2020, Ms. Jordan did commit Insurance Fraud of over \$1,501 contrary to RSA 638:20, II, a class A felony. The matter is being prosecuted by

Rockingham County Attorney Patricia Conway and was investigated by Stephanie Ondus, Senior Insurance Fraud Investigator at the New Hampshire Insurance Department.

On August 17, 2022, the Hillsborough County Superior Court Grand Jury indicted Jake Rosati, age 23, of Nashua, on one class A felony count of Insurance Fraud. The insurance fraud indictment alleges that on January 24, 2022, Mr. Rosati did commit Insurance Fraud of over \$1,501 contrary to RSA 638:20, II, a class A felony. The matter is being prosecuted by Assistant Hillsborough County Attorney Seth Dobieski and was investigated by Stephanie Ondus, Senior Insurance Fraud Investigator at the New Hampshire Insurance Department.

On September 26, 2022, the Cheshire County Superior Court Grand Jury indicted Christopher M. Sieczkowski, age 34, of Jaffrey, on one class A felony count of Insurance Fraud. The insurance fraud indictment alleges that on August 9, 2021, and September 15, 2021, Mr. Sieczkowski did commit Insurance Fraud of over \$1,501 contrary to RSA 638:20, II, a class A felony. The matter is being prosecuted by Deputy Cheshire County Kathleen O'Reilly and was investigated by Thomas Wickey, Insurance Fraud Examiner at the New Hampshire Insurance Department.

On November 9, 2022, the Rockingham County Superior Court Grand Jury indicted Brian R. Bergeron, age 38, on three class A felony counts of Insurance Fraud. The insurance fraud indictment alleges that on April 18, 2022, April 19, 2022, and April 26, 2022, Mr. Bergeron did commit Insurance Fraud of over \$1,501 contrary to RSA 638:20, II, a class A felony. The matter is being prosecuted by Rockingham County Attorney Patricia Conway and was investigated by Thomas Wickey, Insurance Fraud Examiner at the New Hampshire Insurance Department.

On November 16, 2022, the Hillsborough County Superior Court Grand Jury indicted Igette Katanga, age 28, of Nashua, on one class A felony count of Insurance Fraud. The insurance fraud indictment alleges that on December 6, 2021, Ms. Katanga did commit Insurance Fraud of over \$1,501 contrary to RSA 638:20, II, a class A felony. The matter is being prosecuted by Assistant Hillsborough County Attorney Charles DeJoie and was investigated by Stephanie Ondus, Senior Insurance Fraud Investigator at the New Hampshire Insurance Department.

On November 16, 2022, the Hillsborough County Superior Court Grand Jury indicted Mammadagha Mammadov, age 28, of Burlington, MA, on one class A felony count of Insurance Fraud. The insurance fraud indictment alleges that on March 21, 2021, Mr. Mammadov did commit Insurance Fraud of over \$1,501 contrary to RSA 638:20, II, a class A felony. The matter is being prosecuted by Assistant Hillsborough County Attorney Patrick Arnold and was investigated by Thomas Wickey, Insurance Fraud Examiner at the New Hampshire Insurance Department.

Specifically, these indictments allege that the individuals 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.

“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.

The indictments and allegations against Mr. Galante, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Rosati, Mr. Sieczkowski, Mr. Bergeron, Ms. Katanga, and Mr. Mammadov are merely accusations, and they are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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 NHIFraud@ins.nh.gov, or visit our website at www.nh.gov/insurance/legal/fraud/.

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