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Workers' compensation fraud case uncovered in Craven County

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RALEIGH – Ms. Kimberly Ann Sutton has been charged with two counts of obtaining property by false pretense and two counts of workers' compensation fraud in Craven County. Fraud Investigators with the North Carolina Industrial Commission accuse Sutton of working while receiving workers' compensation benefits from the State of North Carolina and failing to disclose that she was working for another employer in violation of N.C.G.S §14-100.

Ms. Sutton is also accused of making misrepresentations on two North Carolina Industrial Commission Form 90's and failing to disclose she was working while receiving workers' compensation benefits in violation of N.C.G.S. §97-88.2. As a result, Ms. Sutton unlawfully received $64,040.65 in benefits.

The New Bern Police Department served the warrants to Ms. Sutton.

"This is not a victimless crime," said Fraud Investigative Director Bryan A. Strickland. "Unfortunately, without the help of citizens and employers, this type of fraud is hard to uncover, but thanks to everyone involved, we were able to track it down."

The Industrial Commission's Fraud Investigative Division consists of six fraud investigators and an administrative assistant who work collectively investigating suspected workers' compensation fraud and violations of the Workers' Compensation Act.

To report a case of suspected fraud, you may contact investigators in several ways:

- By phone: 1-888-891-4895
- By email: fraudcomplaints@ic.nc.gov
- By mail: Fraud Investigations
  Attn: Sam Constance
  1233 Mail Service Center
  Raleigh, NC 27699-4333

A fraud checklist is available online at http://www.ic.nc.gov/fraud.html

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