

Roy Cooper, Governor  
Charlton L. Allen, Chairman  
Yolanda K. Stith, Vice-Chairman



Philip A. Baddour, III, Commissioner  
Linda Cheatham, Commissioner  
Christopher C. Loutit, Commissioner  
Tammy R. Nance, Commissioner

## North Carolina Industrial Commission

August 8, 2017

### **Randolph County Woman Arrested for Felony and Misdemeanor Charges in Workers' Compensation Fraud Investigation**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Raleigh, N.C. – The Industrial Commission's Fraud Investigative Division charged a Randolph County woman with one count of obtaining property by false pretenses and one misdemeanor count of workers' compensation fraud. Investigators arrested Nicole Ewing on July 31, 2017 on charges that she had been endorsing weekly benefit checks and failing to disclose that she was working for another employer. Ms. Ewing is also accused of misrepresentation on her Industrial Commission Form 90 Report of Earnings by failing to disclose that she was working while receiving workers' compensation benefits from the insurance company.

The Fraud Investigative Division consists of six fraud investigators and an administrative assistant, who work collectively as a law enforcement agency responsible for conducting criminal investigations into suspected workers' compensation fraud and potential violations of the Workers' Compensation Act.

"Fraud is not a victimless crime," said Compliance and Fraud Investigative Director Bryan A. Strickland, "It results in higher premiums and, ultimately, higher costs to taxpayers."

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

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

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