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CASE OF INTEREST

Couple Convicted of Felony Insurance Fraud, Stemming From Hit & Run

DATE: June 2, 2016

CASE: Michael Bridges & Jenifer Brumfield

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Kelly Mulcahy, Insurance Fraud Unit

Fifty-two-year-old Michael Bridges and his wife, 50-year-old Jenifer Brumfield, pled no contest to felony insurance fraud charges. Bridges also pled to felony hit-and-run with injuries and Brumfield pled to filing a false police report.

On May 28, 2015, Bridges was driving Brumfield's car when he rear-ended a car that was stopped at a red light on Truxel Road. The collision totaled both vehicles and left the victim with injuries, which still require medical treatment. After the crash, Bridges pulled up to the driver's side of the car and told the victim, "I didn't just do that" before driving away without providing his driver's license or insurance information. The license plate number was obtained by witnesses and the front license plate left at the scene of the accident.

On May 29, 2015, Brumfield reported her car stolen to the Sacramento Police Department and filed a claim with her insurance company. Bridges was an excluded driver on Brumfield's car insurance policy. She stated she had no idea who stole her car and that she still had the only key to the car. The car was located on June 26, 2015, one-half mile from the defendants' residence. The vehicle's transponder anti-theft system was intact and undamaged. The windows were also intact, but the vehicle had sustained major front-end damage.

Witnesses identified Bridges as the driver of the hit-and-run vehicle. Cell phone records also indicated that on the day of the collision Bridges drove Brumfield to work in her car, which was contrary to her story that a nephew had driven her to work.

Bridges was sentenced to serve 3 years in state prison. Brumfield was sentenced to 150 days county jail and 5 years probation. Both defendants were ordered to pay \$19,625 in restitution to the victim and the insurance company.

This case was investigated by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Auto Insurance Fraud Unit.