

Defendant Sentenced for Felony Auto Insurance Fraud



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Semper Justitia

DATE: February 9, 2018

CASE: Sarkis Varpetyan (Case #16FE001622)

**PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Richard Ilharreguy,
Insurance Fraud Unit**

Sarkis Varpetyan pled no contest to felony insurance fraud. The Honorable Geoffrey Goodman sentenced Varpetyan to 180 days in county jail, 3 years formal probation and ordered him to pay \$43,527.83 in restitution (\$5,485.86 to Farmers Insurance and \$38,041.97 to State Farm).

On May 21, 2015, Varpetyan was driving on Sunrise Boulevard when he suddenly hit his brakes for no reason, causing the car behind him to rear-end Varpetyan's vehicle. Several witnesses stated that it appeared Varpetyan intentionally caused the accident. On June 11, 2015, Varpetyan filed an insurance claim stating he had come to a stop because of traffic and was not liable for the accident. The claim was ultimately denied based on the witness statements and the CHP report that found Varpetyan to be at fault for the accident.

This case was prosecuted by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Insurance Fraud Unit.