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Fake Insurance Cards Result In Probation, Fines

Kerr: Using a fake card for car tags 'a losing proposition'

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Allen Kerr today released the following statement regarding two guilty pleas on separate cases of using a fictitious insurance card in an attempt to register vehicles:

“AID’s Criminal Investigation Division continues to do good work in combating the use of fake insurance cards by those attempting to get their car tags, even though using a fake card is a losing proposition. An uninsured driver on our roads only means one thing: higher insurance premiums for other Arkansas drivers.”

On June 6 in Pulaski County Circuit Court, Cheryl Williams, 57 of Little Rock, entered a plea of guilty to one count of attempted insurance fraud for a 2014 case where she used a fictitious insurance card in an attempt to register her vehicle at the Little Rock Central Revenue Office. She was sentenced to one year of probation, a \$500 fine, and court costs.

Also on June 6, Layne Rouse, 26 of Ward, plead guilty in Lonoke County Circuit Court to one count of attempted insurance fraud for a February case where he attempted to register his vehicle in Cabot with a fictitious insurance card. Rouse received a one year suspended sentence and was ordered to pay a \$500 fine.

Kerr reminds Arkansans that under Act 991 of 1997, any insurance company that provides motor vehicle liability insurance coverage must report their motor vehicle insurance policies on a monthly basis to the Revenue Division, Department of Finance and Administration, including new and cancelled policies.

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