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RIVERSIDE CHIROPRACTOR CHARGED IN INSURANCE FRAUD SCHEME

RIVERSIDE – A Riverside chiropractor was charged by the Riverside County DA's Office today, May 17, 2018, with 47 felony counts related to an insurance fraud and kickback scheme.

Curtis Wayne Montgomery, DOB: 6-1-58, of Riverside, has been charged with three counts of insurance fraud, Penal Code section 550 (a) (1); 28 counts of receiving commission for referring clients, Labor Code section 3215; and 16 counts of money laundering, Penal Code section 186.10 (A). The charged crimes are alleged to have happened from 2011 through 2016.

Montgomery was arrested on May 11, 2018. He posted bail and was released from custody that same day. When he was released on bail, Montgomery was given a court date for arraignment of July 16, 2018.

In March of this year, Riverside County DA's investigators learned that more than \$300,000 in payments had been made from Montgomery to a company called Providence Scheduling, which was designed to field phone calls from injured workers and then funnel those people to doctors and chiropractors throughout California.

The two men who owned and operated Providence Scheduling, Carlos Arguello and Fermin Iglesias, have already entered guilty pleas to federal charges. Arguello and Iglesias required medical providers refer a certain number of patients to outside companies for medical equipment, imaging, and other treatments. However, the two men owned these outside companies and therefore were able to bill insurance companies for services. If doctors and chiropractors failed to refer enough patients to these outside companies, the two men would stop or slow the number of patients they would refer to the medical providers which then could incentivize the providers financially to refer patients for unnecessary or ineffective treatments.

The case, RIF1802364, is being prosecuted by Deputy DA Matthew Murray of the DA's Insurance Fraud Team.

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