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Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger Files Felony Charges Against Former Insurance Agent Wilbert House

TOPEKA, KS – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, in cooperation with Shawnee County District Attorney and the Kansas Attorney General's Office, has filed felony charges against a former Kansas insurance agent.

An investigation, by the Commissioner Praeger's Anti-Fraud Division, has lead to charges against Wilbert L. House of Topeka on February 14, 2005. The former insurance agent is charged with four felony counts of theft by deception stemming from alleged incidents occurring from September through December of 2003. The allegations involve House's taking of money purportedly to obtain health insurance coverage for a disabled woman. No insurance policy was ever issued.

House's insurance license was revoked by Commissioner Praeger on March 1, 2003.

The charges brought against House are merely accusations. House is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law. A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for June 17th at 3:00 p.m. at the Shawnee County Court House.

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About the Kansas Insurance Commissioner

Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Commissioner, oversees the activities of the Kansas Insurance Department (KID) which is headquartered in Topeka, Kansas. The overriding objective of Commissioner Praeger and KID is to protect consumers, and help maintain the financial stability of the insurance industry. KID regulates and monitors the activities of 23,000 resident agents, 42,000 non-resident agents and 1684 insurance companies licensed to do business in the state of Kansas. The Department offers financial, actuarial, legal, computer, research, market conduct and economic expertise. For more information, visit www.ksinsurance.org.