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Kansas Non-Resident Insurance Agent Darrin R. Noah Pleads Guilty to Insurance Fraud *Incidents occurred in Haddam, Washington County*

TOPEKA, KS – Darrin R. Noah, Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty February 2, 2006 to five (5) counts of felony theft. Sentencing in Washington County District Court was held on May 9, 2006. Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, with the cooperation of the Kansas Attorney General's Office and the Washington County Attorney filed a Motion for Dispositional Departure in the matter, seeking to have Noah sent to prison.

Noah was charged with ten (10) felony counts of Theft by Deception stemming from **incidents occurring in Haddam, Washington County, Kansas** from November 2003 through December 2004. After hearing the testimony of the victim and an expert in the area of elder abuse, District Court Judge Thomas M. Tuggle found that, based upon the evidence and testimony presented, there were aggravating factors sufficient to justify a dispositional departure in this case. Specifically, Tuggle found that Noah's victims were particularly vulnerable due to their age and that a fiduciary relationship existed.

Due to the large amount of restitution owed by Noah, the Court did not depart from the presumptive sentence and placed Noah on supervised probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months with an underlying prison term of twelve (12) months. Noah was ordered to pay restitution on all ten (10) original counts in the amount of \$41,396.00 and to serve sixty (60) days in jail as conditions of probation. Noah was remanded to custody at the conclusion of the hearing.

Commissioner Praeger has taken a strong stand against insurance fraud. Anyone suspecting insurance fraud by an individual policyholder, agent, or company is encouraged to contact the Kansas Insurance Department Consumer Assistance Hotline at 1-800-432-2428.

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