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Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger Convicts Johnson County Insurance Agent Dallas E. Auch

TOPEKA, KS – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, in cooperation with the Johnson County Attorney and the Kansas Attorney General's Office has convicted Kansas insurance agent Dallas E. Auch of Olathe, Kansas. Auch was charged with three counts of Forgery.

In October of 2003, Auch submitted enrollment forms for health insurance on a 44 year-old man and his 16 year-old son. It was subsequently discovered that along with the application forms for insurance that were signed by the father, Auch submitted enrollment forms in a membership for additional benefits that the father neither authorized nor signed off on. In the documents submitted was an authorization for an automatic bank draft to collect the insurance premiums and membership dues that appeared to have the insured's signature on it. The insured had never seen the document and the signature was not his.

Auch's jury trial began on June 19, 2006 and concluded on June 21, 2006. After approximately four hours of deliberation, the jury found Auch guilty of one count of Forgery involving the forged authorization for bank draft, a level 8 felony. Sentencing has been scheduled for August.

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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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.