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Columbia Man Pleads Guilty To Insurance Fraud

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that David Savage, 52, of 7230 Claudia Drive in Columbia, pleaded guilty to one (1) count of Making a False Statement or Misrepresentation, a felony violation of §38-55-540(3), punishable to three (3) years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$50,000.

On or about September 19, 1994, Savage, owner of Savage Masonry, presented a certificate of liability coverage to Mashburn Construction Company in an effort to obtain a contract for work. The certificate was forged, and Savage did not have insurance coverage for the time period stated on the document.

One (1) of Savage's employees was injured on the job while doing work for Mashburn Construction Company as a sub-contractor, and the Worker's Compensation Commission ordered that Mashburn Construction pay for the injured worker's medical needs. A total of \$2,051 in compensation and medical benefits was paid out on behalf of Mashburn Construction that otherwise would have been paid by Savage's carrier.

Judge Thomas Cooper, presiding over the General Sessions Court of Richland County, sentenced Savage to two (2) years imprisonment, suspended to two (2) years probation. Savage was ordered to pay \$2,051 in restitution to CompTrust AGC.

The case was investigated by the State Law Enforcement Department, and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

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