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### NEWS RELEASE

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### **REDLANDS MAN CHARGED WITH WORKERS' COMP FRAUD**

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – A Redlands man has been charged with two felony counts of workers' compensation fraud for allegedly lying about the extent of his possible injuries.

Investigators with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution Unit, started investigating Andres Gonzalez, 35, in May 2011 after hearing about allegations of possible insurance fraud.

In January 2009, Gonzalez reportedly sustained an industrial injury while working for a local business. After filing a worker's compensation claim and subsequently receiving benefits, Gonzalez misrepresented his abilities to work and to perform certain tasks.

Investigators later found evidence that Gonzalez had failed to report that he was working as a self-employed gardener, which allowed him to continue receiving workers' compensation benefits.

The San Bernardino County District Attorney issued an arrest warrant for Gonzalez in Dec. 2011. With the help of the Redlands Police Department, Gonzalez was located and arrested, and booked at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Central Detention Center in San Bernardino. Bail was set at \$50,000.

Gonzalez is scheduled to be arraigned on March 1 in Department 23 in San Bernardino Superior Court.

*The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office requests that you run the following Public Service Announcement. Thank you in advance for your consideration.*

*PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution Unit, responds to various reports of Insurance Fraud as a result of suspected fraud claims provided by an insurance company, the California Department of Insurance, as well as suspected fraud claims that are received through the "We Tip" hotline by private citizens.*

*If you suspect that someone you know is or has been involved in Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud, report your suspicions to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's, Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution Unit, by telephoning (909) 387-8309 or E-Mailing [da@da.sbcounty.gov](mailto:da@da.sbcounty.gov)*

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