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FORMER ONTARIO MAN ARRESTED FOR INSURANCE FRAUD

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – A former Ontario resident who now lives in Grand Junction, Colorado, was charged with two felony counts of Insurance Fraud and one misdemeanor count of making a False Report of a Criminal Offense.

In June of 2011, members of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Workers' Compensation Fraud Prosecution Unit, began an investigation into allegations of possible Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud involving 32-year-old Russell Tate Allen McKinnon.

McKinnon reportedly sustained an industrial injury on December 10, 2010, when he claimed that, while working for a local company, he was the victim of a robbery and was assaulted with a knife during this robbery, causing superficial injuries to his right arm. McKinnon reported the incident via 9-1-1 to the Ontario Police Department and he was ultimately provided benefits through the Company's Workers' Compensation Insurance as a result of his claim.

During this investigation however, evidence revealed that the allegations of Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud were substantiated as McKinnon later admitted to making false allegations of robbery as a result of losing company money that he was responsible for. On July 21, 2011, an arrest warrant showing a bail amount of \$100,000.00 was issued charging McKinnon with Insurance Fraud and Filing a False Police Report.

On November 2, 2011, McKinnon was arraigned at the Rancho Cucamonga Superior Court after agreeing to meet with Investigators from the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. McKinnon was subsequently released on his own recognizance and the arrest warrant was recalled. McKinnon is scheduled for a Pre-Preliminary Hearing on Dec. 5, 2011. The case will be prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney David Simon.

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