



Former City of Palo Alto Firefighter Pleads No Contest to Insurance Fraud

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FORMER CITY OF PALO ALTO FIREFIGHTER PLEADS NO CONTEST TO INSURANCE FRAUD

Former firefighter Tanya August pled no contest last week to one count of making a false or fraudulent material statement regarding her employment, for the purpose of obtaining compensation.

39-year old August was employed as a firefighter for the City of Palo Alto from September 1996 to December 2007. In December 2006, she alleged an injury to her lower back as she was lifting a patient onto a gurney. August was diagnosed with lumbar strain. Her workers' compensation claim was accepted, and she received her full salary from December 2006 to December 2007. August told her employer she was physically unable to perform even light duty work for the City of Palo Alto. She did, however, accept employment at a shop that was owned by another City of Palo Alto firefighter. In her deposition, she had denied any employment.

August was ordered to pay \$20,000 in restitution to the City of Palo Alto. She is scheduled to be in court on April 27th, 2009 and could face a maximum possible sentence of four years in prison.

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March 4, 1994

Tim Schmolder
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Re: Stewart, Errol v. Diablo Valley Radiology
WCAB No.: WCK 0011116
Claim No.: B780C 92 290407
Our File No.: R8311

Dear Tim:

I would like to thank you for your invaluable testimony at the Errol Stewart trial on February 2, 1994. Your testimony and the films that you previously took of the applicant were immensely helpful to me and resulted in my receiving a "take nothing," on this file.

I enclose the Findings and Order signed by Judge Chapla. I would not have received this result had it not been for the excellent film that you took and your testimony. Although the trial dragged on for two days, you were very helpful and courteous. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Kaia Eakin

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cc: Maureen Sheridan Scott, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company

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George W. Kennedy
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November 4, 1998

Mr. Tim Schmolder
4104 24th Street, No. 529
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Re: People vs. Lawrence Lucich
Superior Court No. 197510

Dear Mr. Schmolder,

On November 3, 1998 the jury in People vs. Lawrence Lucich convicted the defendant on three felony counts of Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud and one felony count of Perjury. The sentencing date is scheduled for December 4, 1998.

I want to thank you for your testimony at both the preliminary hearing and the jury trial. Your testimony during the jury trial was exceptionally professional. You answered the questions precise and accurate. I also appreciate you making the time and effort to pick up the original subrosa tapes from Immendorf Company.

I wish you much success with Tim Schmolder Investigations. I will highly recommend your services to any insurance company.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kathy L. Waggoner". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Kathy L. Waggoner
Deputy District Attorney