

Lovingood congratulates DA on workers comp case

First District Supervisor Robert congratulated the District Attorney's office on a recent workers compensation fraud conviction of three people including an attorney on 43 felony counts.

"Deterring workers compensation fraud is the right thing to do," Lovingood said. "It also sends a message that San Bernardino County is leveling the playing field for businesses that are struggling under rising workers comp premiums."

A California Department of Insurance report found that for every \$1 invested in workers comp anti-fraud efforts brought a return of \$6.17. California's workers compensation premium rates are rising faster than the national average. Questionable Workers Comp reports rose 23 percent from 2010 to 2012, according to National Insurance Crime Bureau. In absolute numbers, by far, the largest category of questionable claims is "claimant fraud" 2,815 up 37 percent. To report suspected workers compensation fraud, call the Consumer Hotline at 800-927-4537 or We-Tip at 800-US-FRAUD.