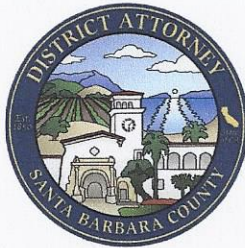


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**Re: People v. Francisco Carranza**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced the arrest of Francisco Javier Carranza on January 30, 2014. Carranza, 44 years old, of Lompoc, California, was arrested by detectives from the Valencia Office of the Fraud Division of the California Department of Insurance. The District Attorney's Office has filed a complaint charging Carranza with four felony counts for violating Insurance Code section 1871.4, commonly referred to as Worker's Compensation Fraud. The potential loss is estimated at \$120,000. Carranza was booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail with bail set at \$20,000. District Attorney Joyce Dudley commented, "Just recently, California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones noted that in the last fiscal year his office received more than 5,000 referrals for suspected Worker's Compensation Insurance Fraud, with losses totaling more than \$340 million dollars." Dudley further commented, "The Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office is committed to identifying fraud, investigating it, and prosecuting the offenders. The impact of fraud is felt throughout Santa Barbara County."

In an effort to help identify suspected cases of Worker's Compensation Fraud, the District Attorney has established an anonymous tip line. A citizen can call 24 hours a day and report suspected fraud to the District Attorney at (805) 568-2222.

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