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WORKERS COMP

Bus driver coaches hoops after claiming injury in New York

December 2, 2019, Hudson Valley, NY -- A Hudson Valley high school girls basketball coach working as a bus driver admitted to collecting almost \$17,000 for false injuries. Tyrone Searight, 49, of Peekskill was charged recently with two counts of workers' compensation fraudulent practices and one count of grand larceny, felonies. ...

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AUTO FRAUD

Man charged with falsely reporting stolen handgun in New York

November 30, 2019, Cambria, NY -- A Cambria man was arrested this past week on charges of insurance fraud following the investigation of a car break-in he reported last year. On Nov. 27, 2018, Kenneth F. Cousins, 28, of Cambria, reported to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office that his vehicle had been broken into during the night...

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DRUG DIVERSION

Astoria doctor who made millions in Oxycodone scheme pleads guilty

November 29, 2019, Astoria, NY -- A doctor who pocketed millions by prescribing oxycodone to healthy patients through his two Queens medical clinics pleaded guilty to a federal drug-related crime Tuesday. Dr. Emmanuel Lambrakis, 72, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully distributing medically unnecessary oxycodone, according to...

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Basketball coach returns \$11K In Worker's Comp To MTA

November 27, 2019, Peekskill, NY -- A high-school basketball coach has been sentenced in a worker's compensation fraud case. Tyrone Searight, who had been an MTA bus driver, had claimed a work injury. Then investigators found him coaching varsity girls basketball at Haldane High School. Searight was employed as a bus driver for the...

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Storm chaser reforms enacted in New York

November 25, 2019, Albany, NY -- *New law provides essential consumer protections against dishonest home contractors* ALBANY, Nov. 23, 2019 — A new law gives homeowners much-needed protections against storm-chasing contractors who exploit natural disasters in New York, says the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud. ...

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Manslaughter charges filed in deadly Brooklyn construction accident

November 21, 2019, Brooklyn, NY -- Six people and three companies are now facing charges in the death of a construction worker at a site in Brooklyn last year. Luis Sanchez Almonte was killed in a wall collapse while working in a trench in Sunset Park on September 12, 2018, and authorities say the subcontractor on the site willfully...

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